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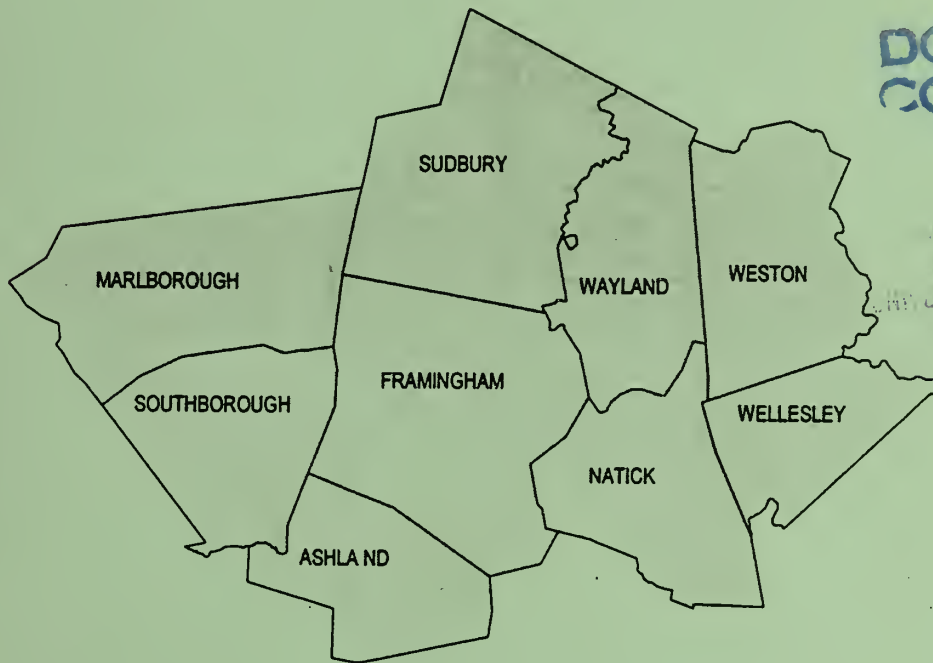
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Introduction

The MetroWest Fee Study was produced in order to assist the nine communities of the MetroWest region in accomplishing two missions:

- ☐ Find alternative funding for municipal services due to the rate of property tax being controlled by Proposition 2 1/2, and
- ☐ Have users of municipal services pay for the full cost of providing that service versus underwriting those services with property tax revenue.

The objectives of this report are to list and describe fee charges in MetroWest communities, enabling communities to compare fee structures and identify towns or cities that are undercharging for municipal services.

A fee is defined as a payment collected from the recipients of a municipal service that is applied toward the cost of providing that service. In contrast, a tax is exacted from all residents and is applied to a general fund where it will be used to underwrite a variety of services. Beneficiaries of a municipal service may be charged a fee that covers part or all of the cost. However, no municipal government may charge a fee that exceeds the cost of the service provided or that fee may be challenged in a court of law. An example of such a case is Emerson College versus the City of Boston.

Included in this study are 16 comparison tables and a comparison summary on each fee category. The comparison tables in the appendix list almost 200 municipal fees and the amounts charged by MetroWest communities. Where appropriate, fees are broken out by residential and commercial/ industrial. The comparison summaries give a brief description of the fee category and a basic comparative analysis of the data.

<i>Fee Category</i>	<i>Number of Fees</i>
Board of Health	34
Building Permits	21
Cemetery Fees	8
Documentation & Certification Fees	32
Entertainment, Liquor, & Vendor Fees	17
Fire Department Fees	19
Gas Fees	3
Planning Fees	4
Plumbing Fees	3
Police Department Fees	12
Recreation Fees	13
Sewer Fees	4
Solid Waste Disposal Fees	5
Water Fees	11
Wiring Fees	5
Zoning Fees	4
Total	195

Table 1

Methodology

The data in this report is based upon a series of in-person interviews and telephone conversations with town and city employees. Many municipal agencies have little or no written documentation of the fees they charge. Thus the accuracy of the information contained in this study is dependent upon the reliability of those sources. We recommend an annual survey to confirm and update all the fee data in this report.

Fee Comparison Summaries

Board of Health Fees

Board of Health fees range from licenses to keep livestock, serve food in a restaurant or run a tanning salon to permits to install a sewage disposal system. The State of Massachusetts sets parameters governing the magnitude of Board of Health fees, which may account for the relative lack of diversity in the size of these fees. There is, however, significant variation in the *number* of fees charged by communities in the MetroWest. Weston stands out as the town with smallest number of fees, having only 15, less than half of the Board of Health fees compared for this study. In contrast, Natick has the most fees, 29, and is followed by Marlborough and Framingham with 27 each.

The map below illustrates how each community compares with its MetroWest neighbors in terms of the amount charged for Board of Health licenses and permits. In general, Ashland, Natick, and Wayland have the highest fees, while Marlborough, Southborough, and Weston have the lowest.

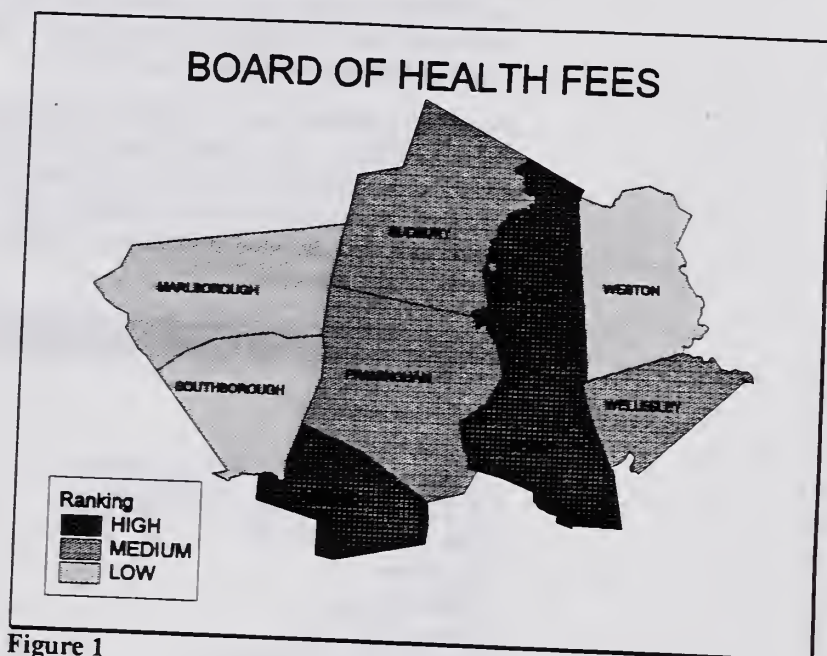


Figure 1

Building Permits

A comparison of building permits is made simple by the fact that all towns base their fee on the same variable: \$1,000 in estimated value. Figure 2 illustrates the cost of building permits for residential and commercial buildings valued at \$100,000. Framingham charges the most for building permits, \$10 per \$1,000 estimated value for residential and \$13.75 per \$1,000 for commercial. In contrast, Marlborough charges just \$5 per \$1,000 estimated value for residential and drops its fee to \$50 plus \$1 per \$1,000 above \$10,000 per estimated value for commercial construction. The average cost for a building permit in the MetroWest region is \$7 per \$1,000 estimated value.

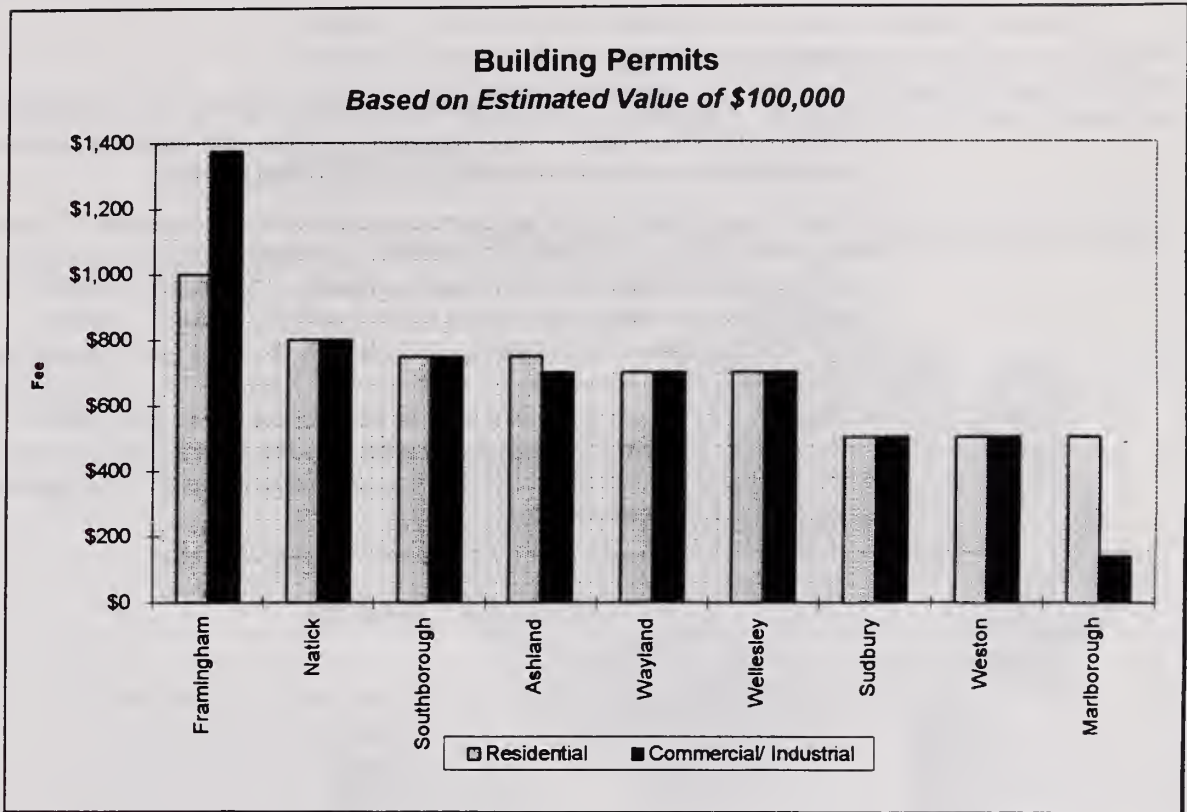


Figure 2

High prices for building permits do not appear to discourage development, however. Over the last four years, 34 percent of the building permits for single family homes issued in the MetroWest were provided by Framingham or Natick's building department.

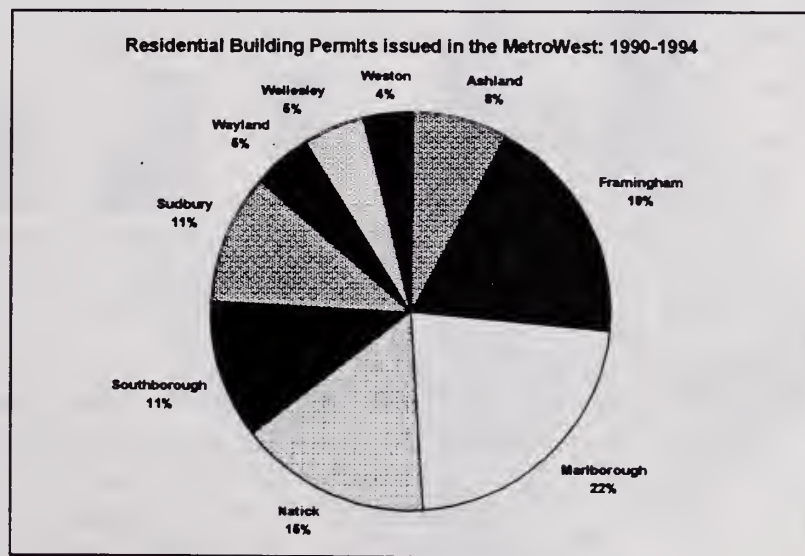


Figure 3

Cemetery Fees

Cemetery fees include the cost of buying a lot and a foundation for a memorial stone as well as the charge for a grave opening. Natick and Wellesley were not included in this comparison because neither has a town cemetery.

Figure 4 charts fees for grave openings among MetroWest communities. Most towns, including Weston, Sudbury, Wayland, and Southborough, charge higher amounts for grave openings on weekends or holidays. The graph shows the highest fee in each community as well as the regular weekday fee. Weston clearly has the highest fees, charging as much as \$1,000 for a grave opening on Sunday or a holiday. Additionally, Weston's weekday fee, \$575, is almost twice as much as the regular fee for Sudbury, the next highest town. Wayland and Southborough both have very low regular fees of \$100 and \$130 respectively. Ashland charges the lowest fee (\$125) on a weekend or holiday. The chart does not include fees for non-residents.

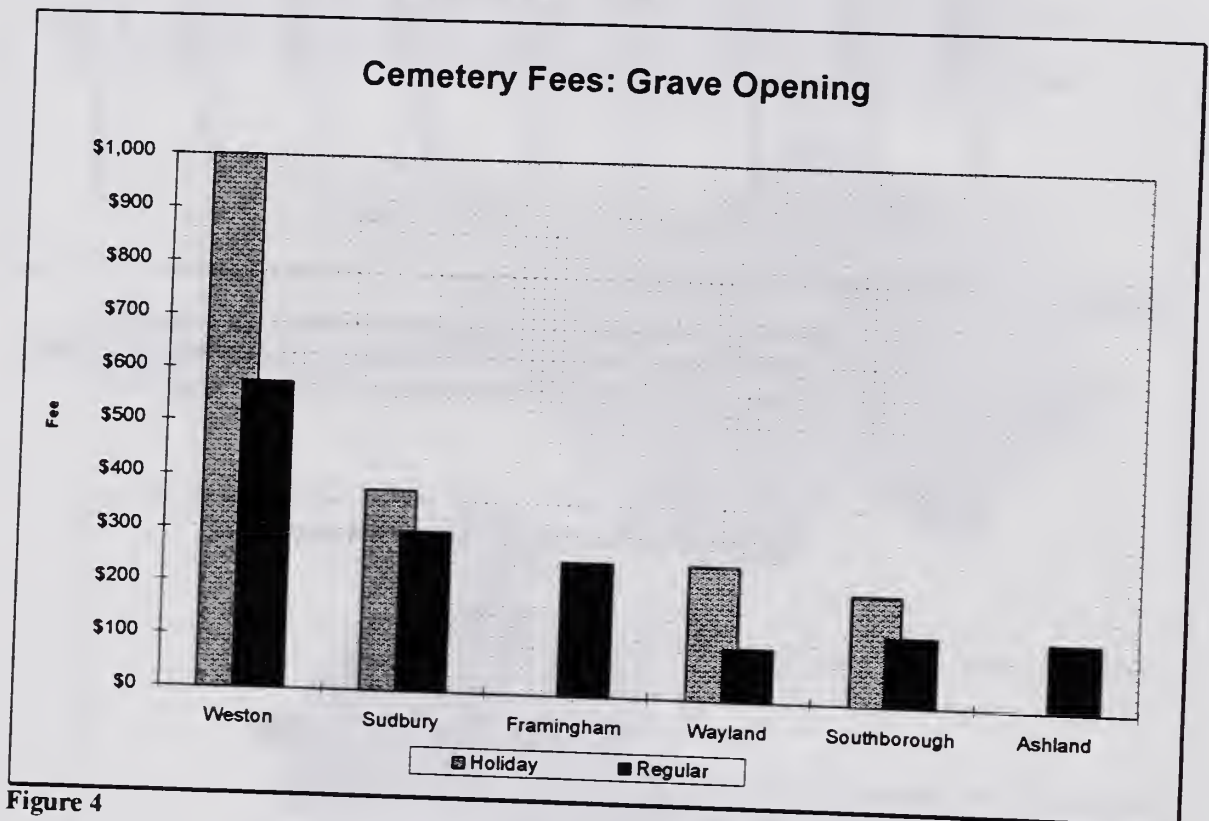


Figure 4

Documentation and Certification Fees

Documentation and Certification Fees refer to those fees charged by Town and City Clerks for the recording and documentation of vital statistics, Business Certificates, Uniform Commercial Code filings, dog licenses, and lists of residents, voters, or utility pole locations. A total of 32 fees are included in this comparison, of which Wayland has the most with 25. The majority of MetroWest communities have between 10 and 18 of the fees compared. However, Weston's Town Clerk has only one fee: \$15 for a Marriage License.

Although there is very little disparity among fees for documentation and certification, the map below categorizes communities by high, medium, and low. The bulk of the fees in Marlborough, Natick, and Southborough were among the lowest in the MetroWest, while Wellesley and Framingham tended to have fees in the higher range.

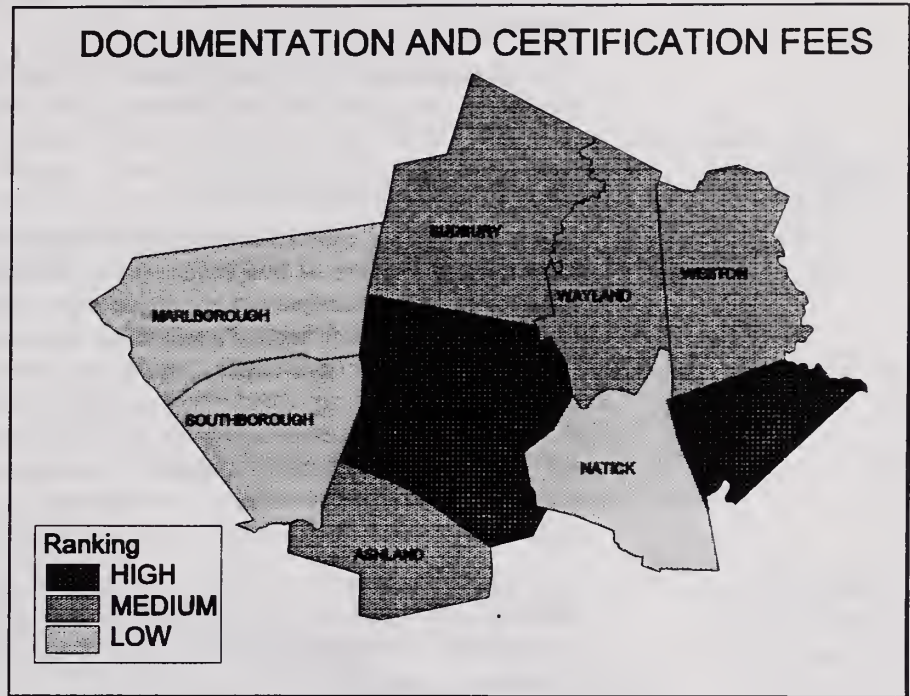


Figure 5

Entertainment, Liquor, and Vendor Fees

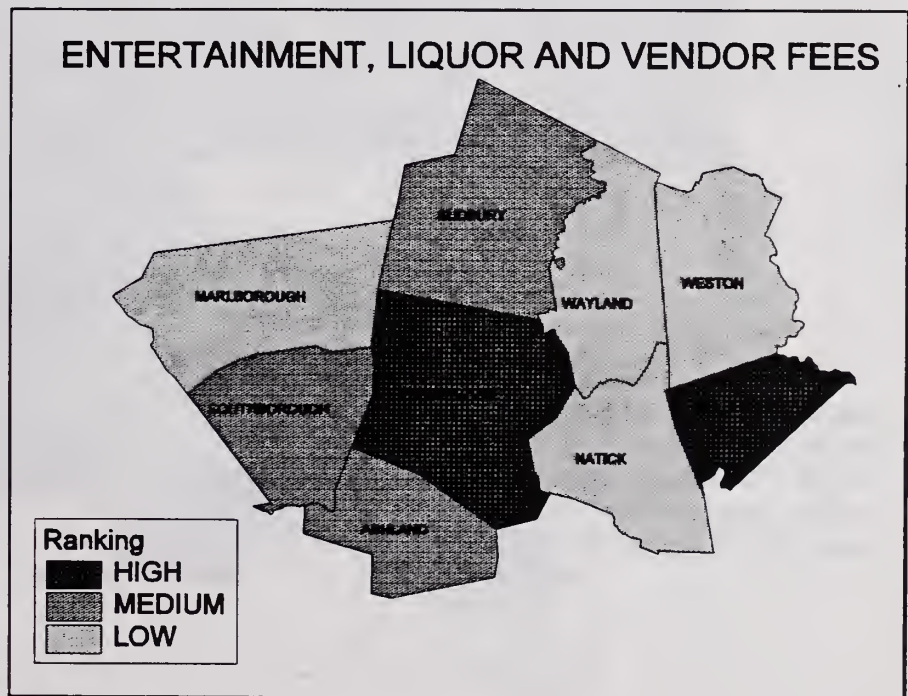


Figure 6

Entertainment, Liquor, and Vendor Fees represent an eclectic group of fees exacted by the Board of Selectmen in each community. These include, among others, licenses for auctioneers, auto dealers, restaurateurs, junk dealers, and taxis. The greatest revenue raisers for Boards of Selectmen are liquor licenses, which range from \$500 to serve beer or wine in a restaurant in Wayland to \$5,000 to serve alcohol in a Wellesley Inn. Weston, a dry town, has no liquor licenses at all.

Figure 6 delineates Marlborough, Natick, Wayland, and Weston as charging the lowest fees and Framingham and Wellesley with the highest.

Fire Department Fees

Fire Departments in the MetroWest require payment for few services and generally charge between \$5 and \$25 for the permits they do issue. Fees charged for permits that require an on-site inspection and or the use of a fire truck do not cover costs in most MetroWest communities. A few towns have reviewed Fire Department fees and attempted to redress this problem. For example, Wayland, having recently reviewed its Fire Department fees, charges \$100 to install an underground storage tank. Most towns charge between \$10 and \$25. In addition, although a sprinkler system permit can cost as little as \$10 in Framingham or \$20 in Ashland, Southborough bases it's fee on the number of sprinkler heads and charges from \$30 to \$200 for a permit

As illustrated by figure 7, Wayland was the only community with fees that ranked among the highest in the MetroWest more than half the time. Framingham, Marlborough, Wellesley and Weston all had lower fees on average.

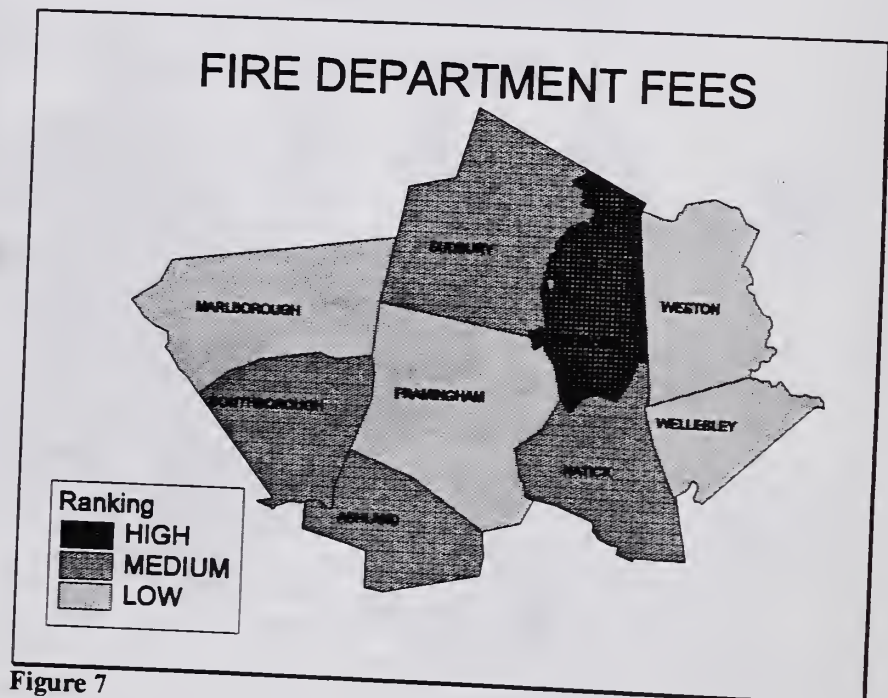


Figure 7

Gas Fees

This study compares gas fees charged for new construction and alterations. MetroWest communities have three methods for assessing gas fees:

- ☐ flat fees,
- ☐ fees based on number of fixtures, and
- ☐ fees based on number of units.

Figure 8 charts the gas fees for a new single family home with one to ten fixtures. Three communities have a flat fee: Ashland at \$75, Natick at \$50, and Marlborough at \$35. All other MetroWest communities charge a fee based on the number of fixtures installed. Framingham and Southborough have the highest variable fee, followed by Sudbury, Wellesley, Weston, and Wayland.

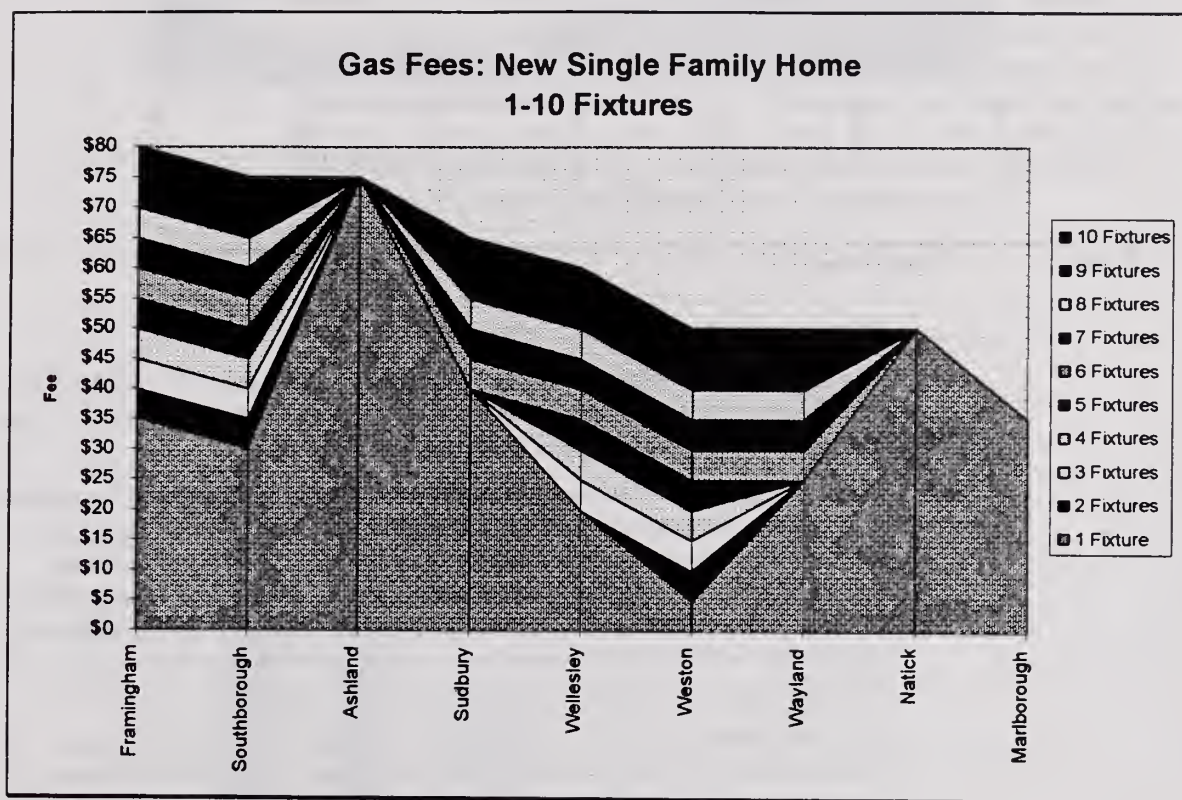
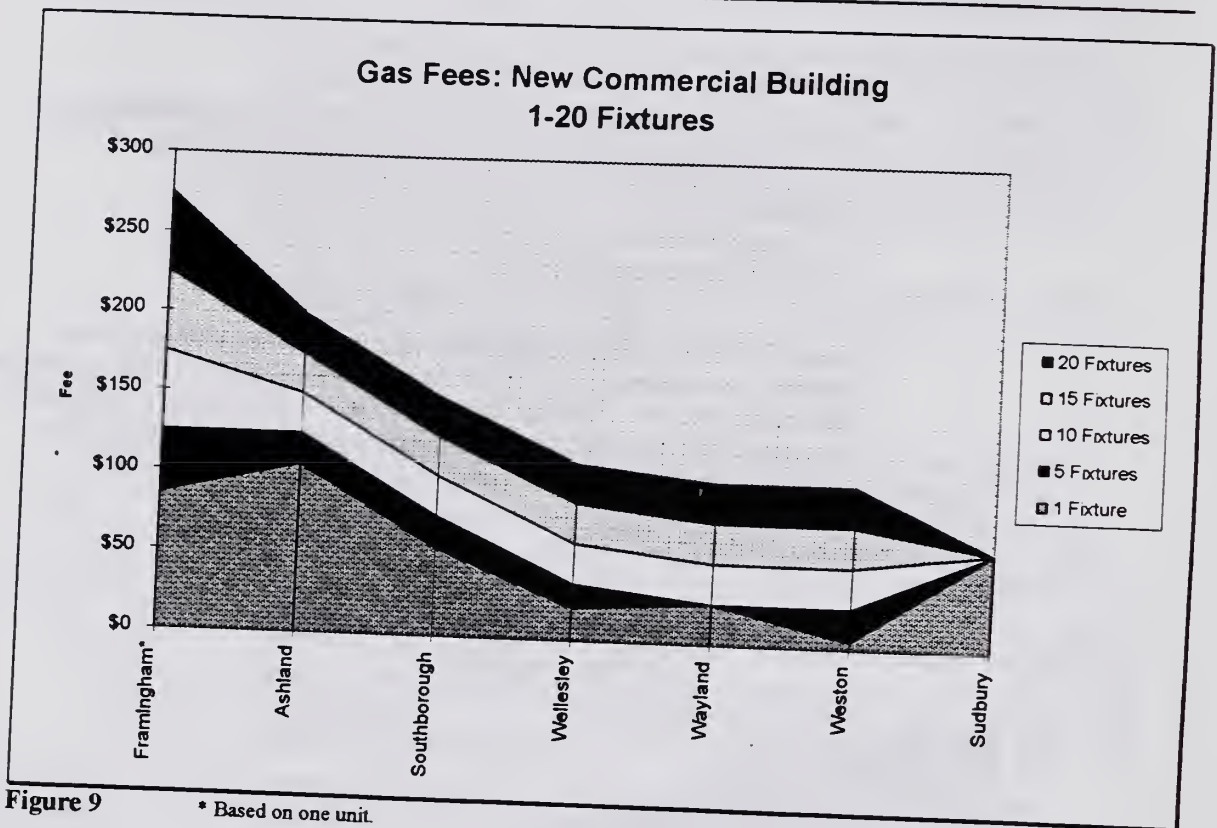


Figure 8

Gas fees for a new commercial building with one to twenty fixtures are graphed in figure 9. Marlborough and Natick are excluded from this graph because they base their fees on units instead of fixtures. Marlborough requires a \$50 fee plus \$2 per unit. Natick charges \$50 for the first five units and \$4 for each additional unit. Among the remaining towns, Framingham has the largest variable fee and Weston has the lowest. Sudbury has a flat fee of \$60



Planning Fees

The comparison table for planning fees includes fees charged for filing a plan that does not require approval, review of a preliminary subdivision plan, review of a definitive subdivision plan, and review of a site plan.

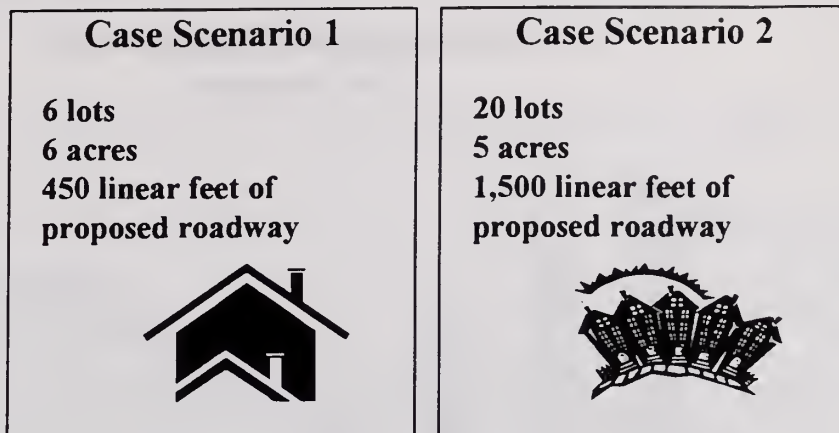
In general, MetroWest communities assess a flat fee for an approval not required plan. These can range from as little as \$35 in Southborough up to \$100 in Framingham. The mid-range for this fee is about \$50, which is the cost in Marlborough, Natick, Wayland, and Weston. Two communities, Sudbury and Wellesley, have variable fees that exact payments substantially above those of their MetroWest neighbors. In Sudbury the fee is \$100 plus \$100 per lot. Wellesley has an even higher fee of \$700 plus \$525 per lot.

The structure of fees for the review of subdivision plans is by far the most convoluted of any municipal fee, and there are sharp disparities in the level of payment required by different towns and cities. Nearly all communities have fees based on

- ☐ acreage,
- ☐ linear feet of proposed roadway, and
- ☐ number of lots,

or some combination of those variables.

Ashland is the only MetroWest Community to have no fixed fee schedule for the review of subdivision plans. Instead, its Planning Board provides an estimate of the review costs based on each individual case. If the actual expense of the review exceeds the estimate, the difference is also charged. According to Ashland's Planning Board, actual review costs range from \$3,000 for 6 lots to \$18,200 for 40 lots.



In order to make a meaningful comparison among the diversity of review fees it was necessary to create two case scenarios with different quantities of lots, acreage, and proposed roadway. The boxes above contain descriptions of the two case scenarios and figures 10 and 11 highlight the variation in fees charged for each scenario. Although one or both of these case scenarios may not be feasible in particular MetroWest communities, they are useful examples for contrasting fees assessed for different types of development.

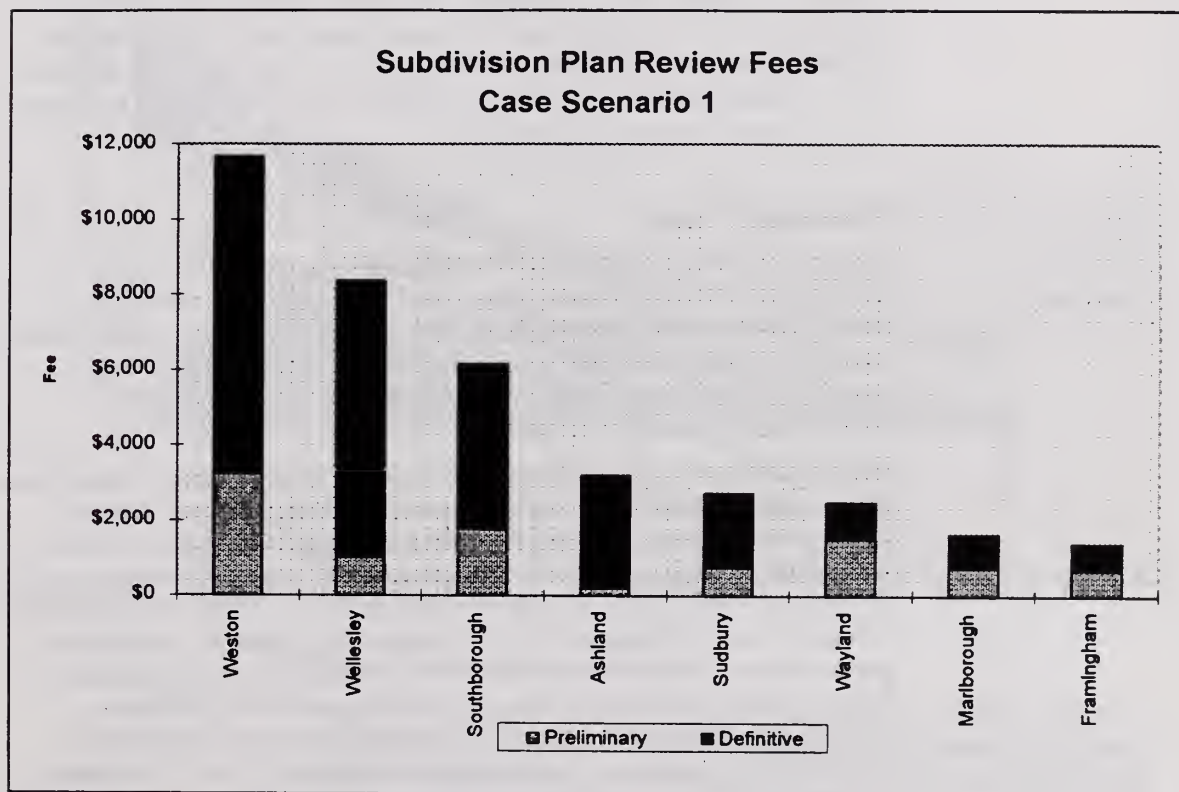


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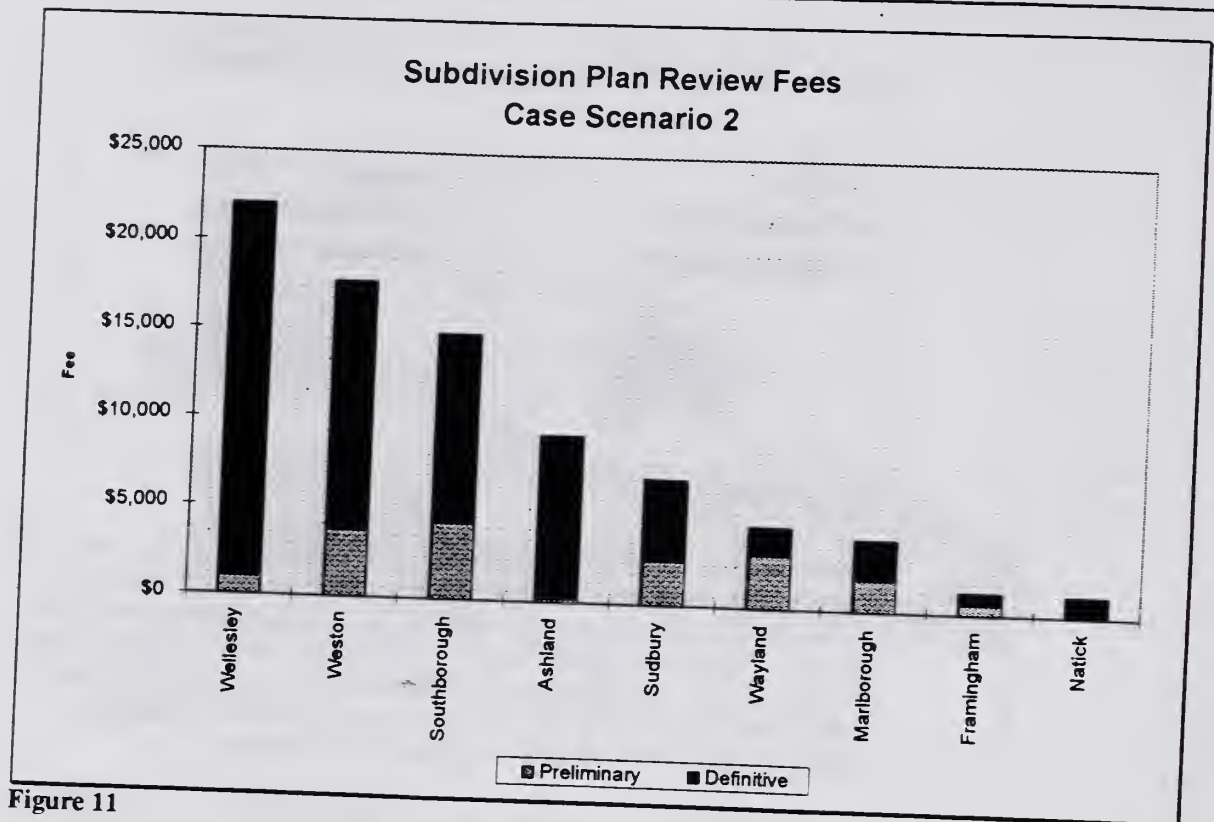


Figure 11

Wellesley, Weston, and Southborough charge the most for subdivision plan review, all of whom base their variable fee on the number of lots. Using Ashland's estimate as a benchmark, it appears that over half of MetroWest Planning Boards have difficulty covering costs with their current fee structure. In both scenarios the lowest fees were charged by communities that base their fee on acreage: Framingham and Natick.

Plumbing Fees

The plumbing fees compared for this study represent payments made to municipalities to install plumbing in a new building or alter an existing plumbing system. Like gas fees, plumbing fees are usually based on the number of fixtures. However, Marlborough and Ashland do consider units when calculating fees for multi-family residences and Framingham bases its commercial fee on cost of construction.

The following graphs depict the magnitude of fees for a new single family home with one to ten fixtures and a new commercial building with one to twenty fixtures. Ashland has a flat fee of \$75 for a new single family home, which would place it in the highest rank for a structure with one to five fixtures. At five fixtures, Framingham and Southborough tie with Ashland, and for a home with more than eight fixtures Wayland charges the greatest fee. Framingham has the largest fee for a commercial building with up to ten plumbing fixtures. Wayland ranks highest for a commercial building with 15 or 20 fixtures. Wellesley and Weston have the lowest variable fees for both residential and commercial buildings. Marlborough was not included in figure 13 because it does not base its commercial fee on fixtures.

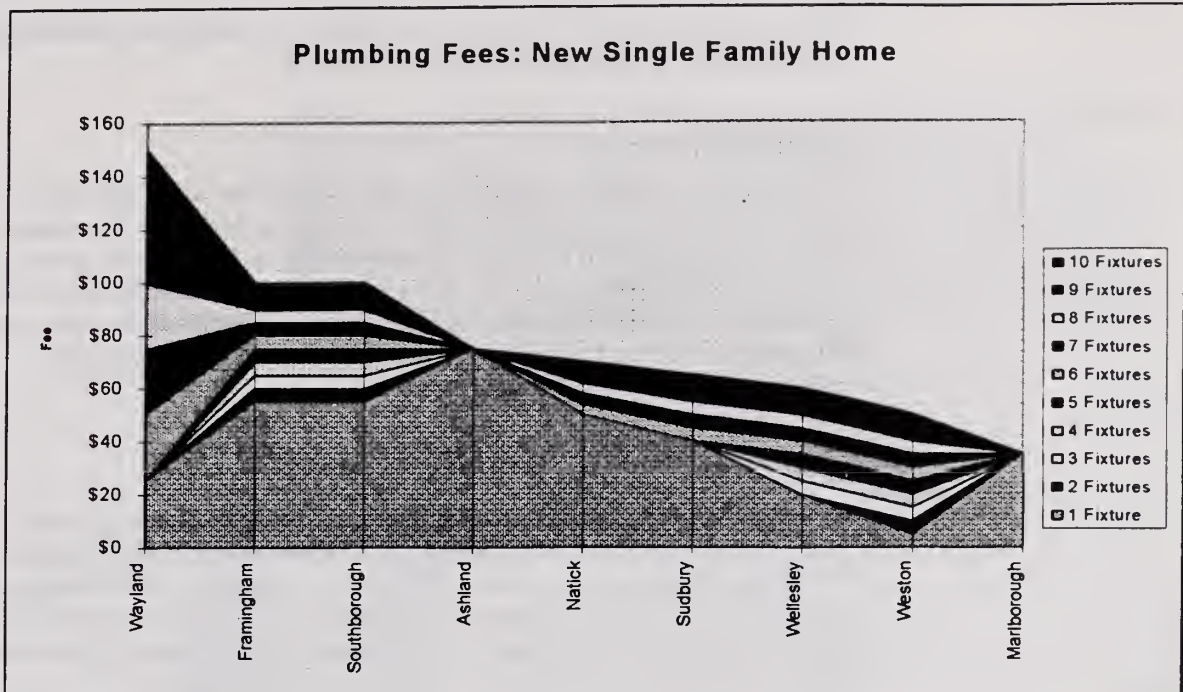


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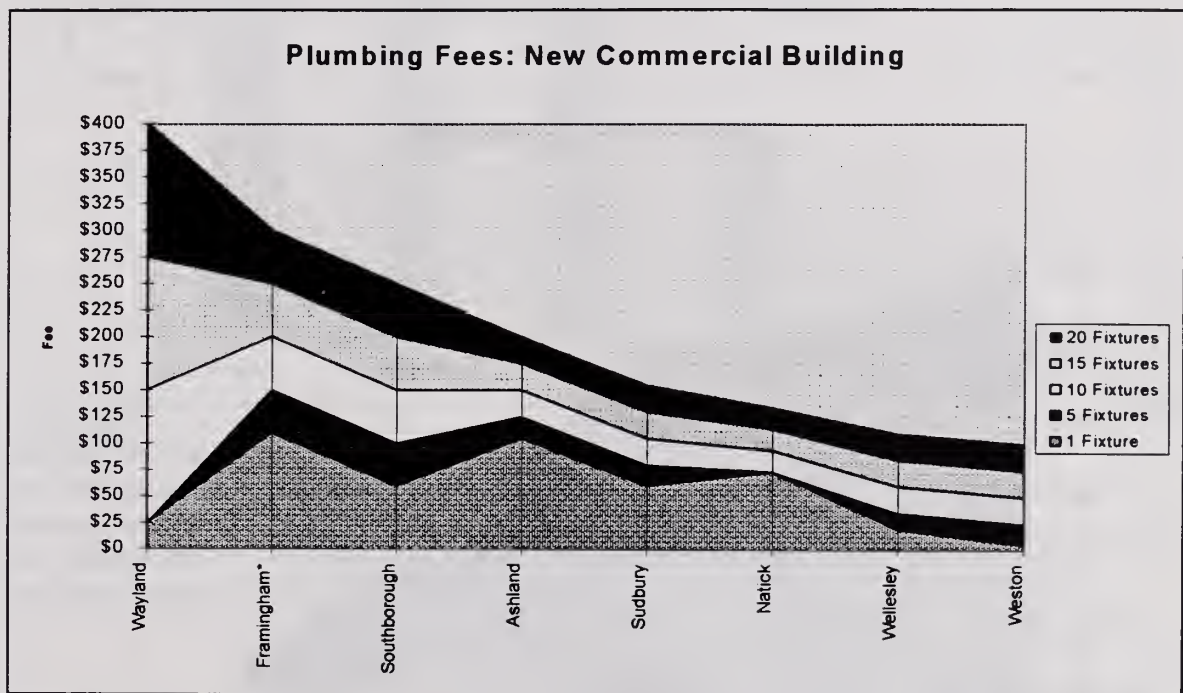


Figure 13

*Based on one unit.

Police Department Fees

Police Departments charge fees for certain licenses (such as firearms), reports, and police detail. The greater number of these fees are between \$1 and \$20. The most substantial fee for Police Departments is the charge for police detail. Regular hourly rates can be as low as \$20 in Marlborough or as high as \$40 in

Weston. Most communities also have a surcharge for Sundays and holidays and a service charge of 10 percent.

Recreation Fees

Recreation fees encompass payments for beach tags, field rental, and public swimming pool passes. Most MetroWest communities have very few charges for the use of recreational facilities. The highest fee in this category is for a family season pass to Sudbury's public swimming pool, which costs up to \$420 for residents and \$490 for nonresidents. On average, Natick and Wellesley have the highest beach fees, Marlborough has the largest field rental costs, and Sudbury charges the most for a public swim.

Sewer Fees

Sewer fees include fees for installation, inspection, septage dumping and the municipal sewer rate. Four communities in the MetroWest region use septic systems only: Southborough, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston. The remaining communities rely to varying degrees on municipal sewer systems. The greatest diversity among sewer fees exists for sewer entrance fees. Virtually every town has a unique fee structure, making them very difficult to compare.

Figure 14 compares sewer rates based on a 2" meter in a residential building. Framingham emerges with the steepest sewer rates, while Natick has the lowest.

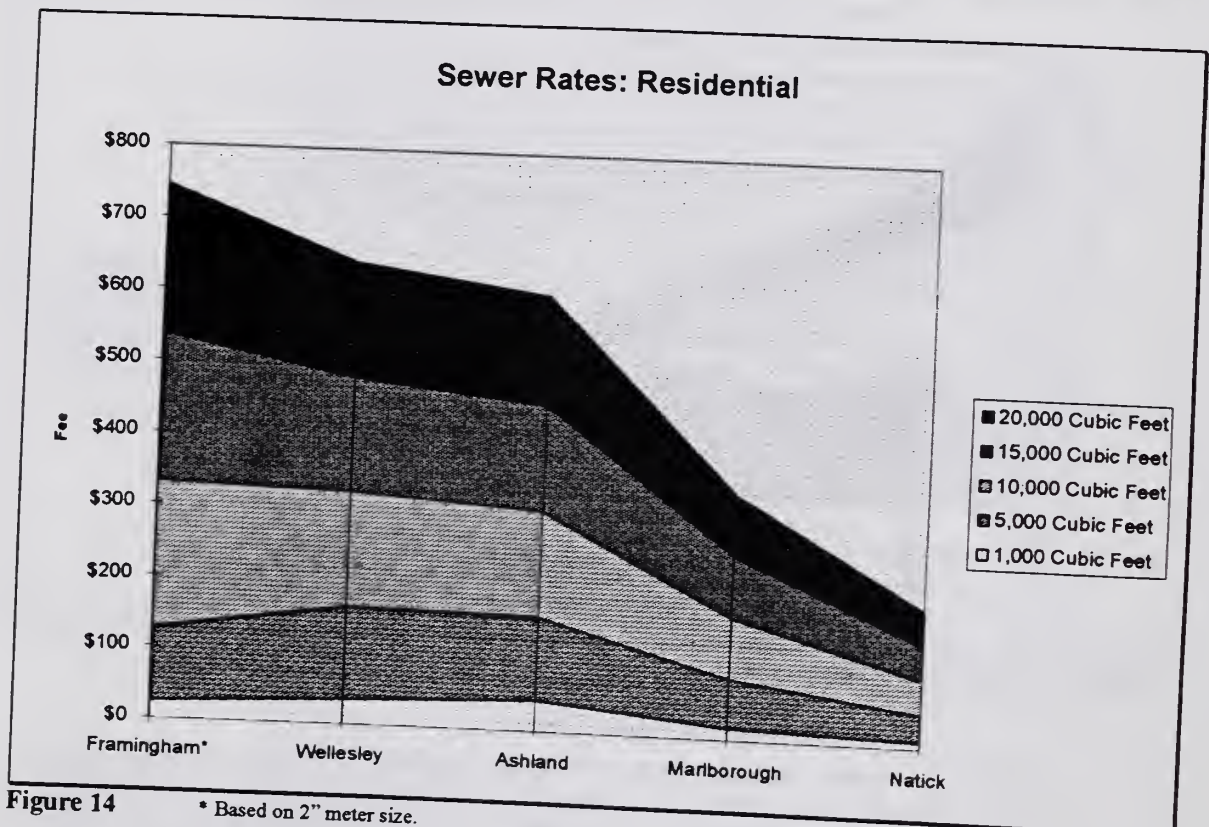


Figure 14

* Based on 2" meter size.

Solid Waste Disposal

About half of MetroWest communities provide free curbside trash pick-up for their residents with charges of \$6 to \$30 for bulky items and household appliances. Southborough, Sudbury, Wayland and Weston require residents to buy a landfill or transfer station sticker and drop off their own garbage. The graph above compares the cost of landfill and transfer station stickers among MetroWest communities. Wayland and Weston both charge \$130, the top fee. Marlborough and Framingham both have free curbside pick-up and charge only a nominal fee for landfill and transfer station stickers.

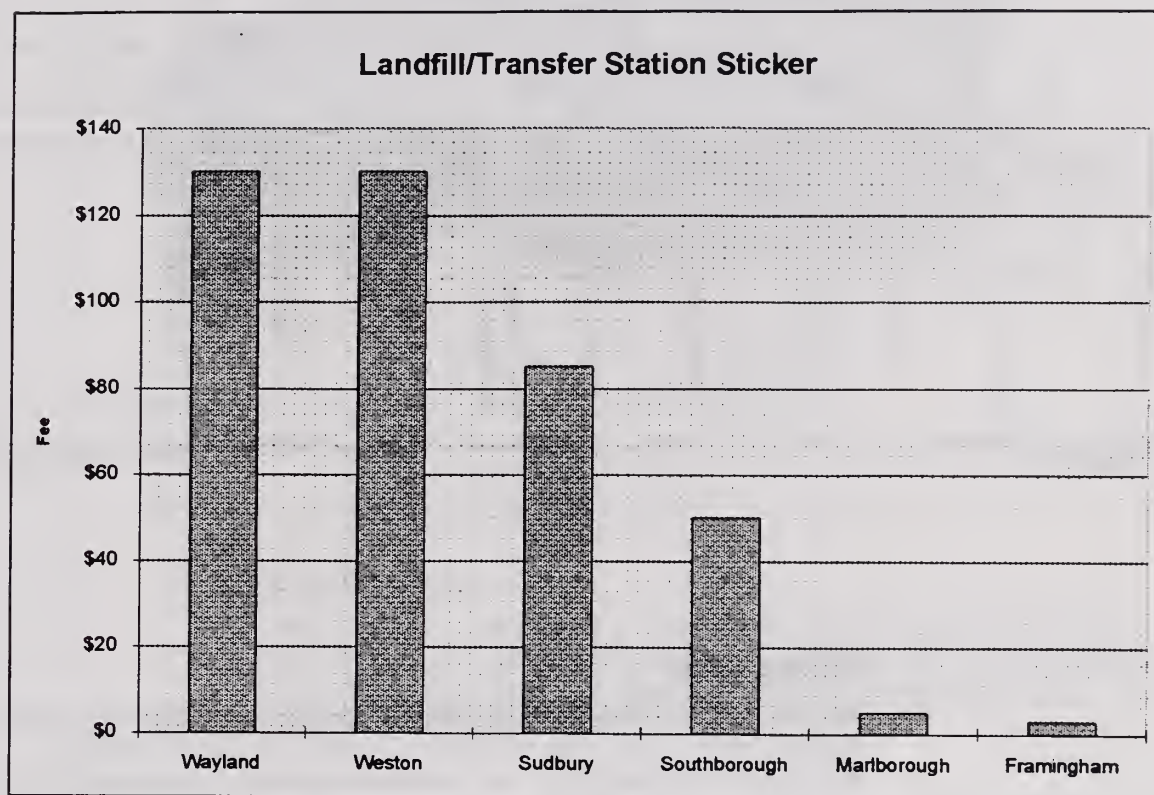


Figure 15

Water Fees

Water fees cover payments for installation, inspections, meter tests, repairs, and the cost of water itself. Methods for assessing charges for new service installation vary widely among MetroWest communities, and most fees fall within the range of \$500 to \$5,000.

Residential water rates are compared in the figure 16. As the graph illustrates, the relative cost of water is dependent on the volume of water consumed. At lower levels, Framingham and Wellesley may charge the most. At 20,000 cubic feet, Southborough and Sudbury exact the highest price.

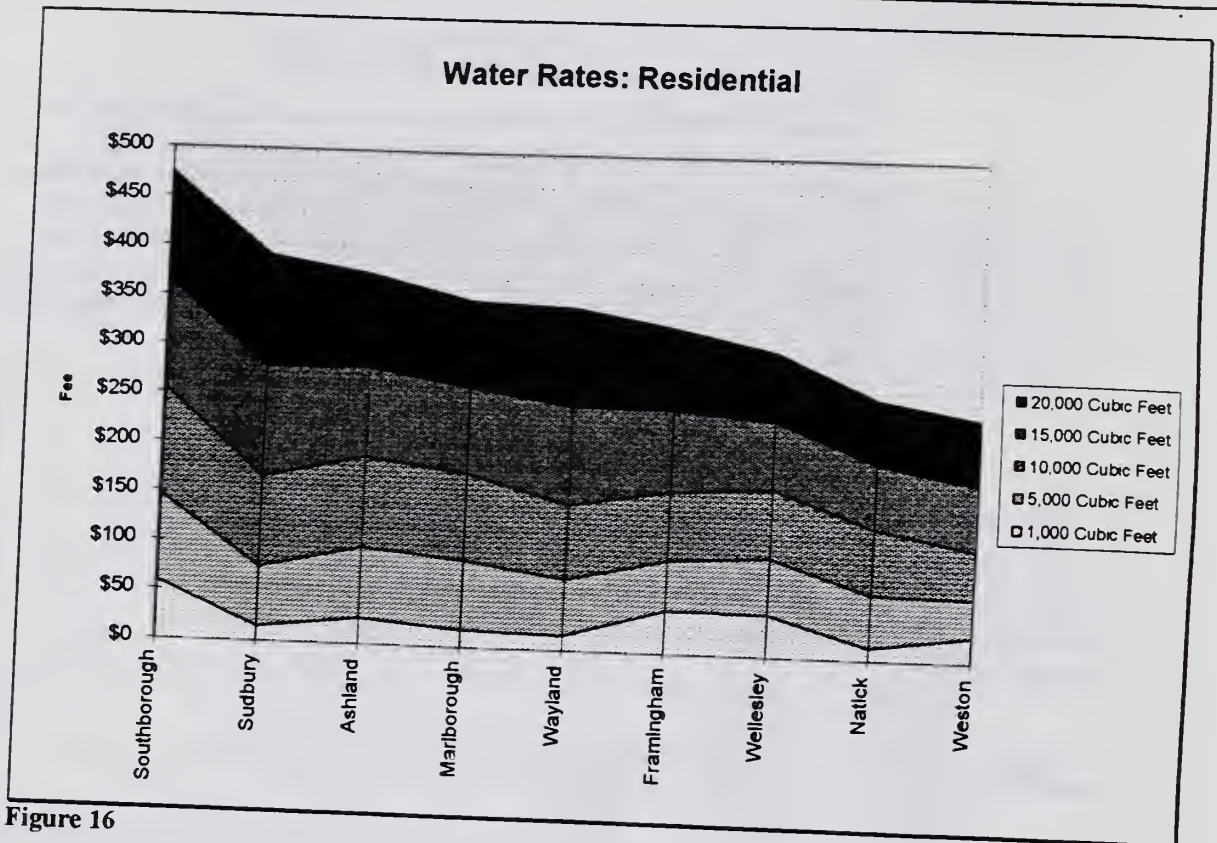


Figure 16

Wiring Fees

The wiring fees compared for this study include those for installation, service change, rewiring, and major appliances. It is difficult to make a direct comparison of wiring fees for new construction because several MetroWest communities base their fee on construction cost, while others base their fee on number of amps. Figure 17 compares wiring fees based on 400 amps and \$1,000 construction costs for a residential building and 1,000 amps and \$4,000 construction costs for a commercial building. Wellesley and Framingham have the largest fees for both residential and commercial construction. Ashland and Wayland have low fees for new residential construction but relatively high fees for commercial. Marlborough and Weston have low fees for both residential and commercial construction.

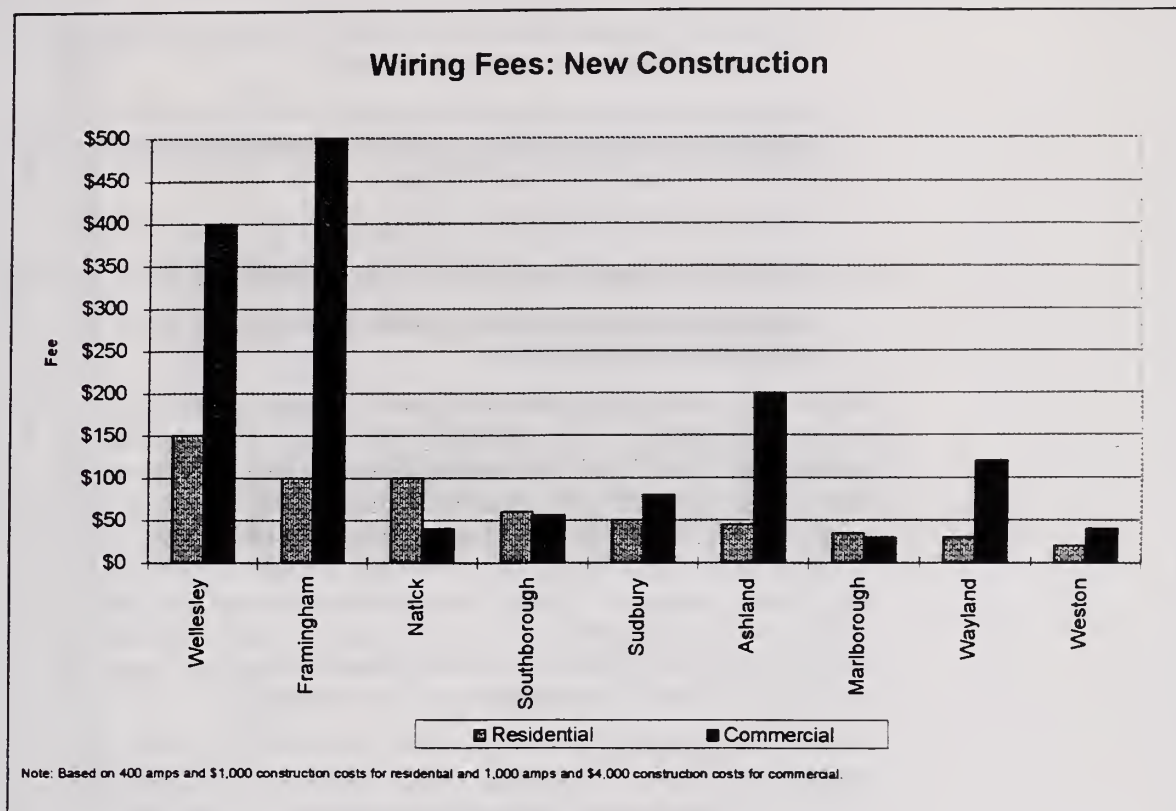


Figure 17

Zoning Fees

Zoning Boards charge fees for special permits, variances, signs, and site plan reviews. As a rule, these charges are flat fees from \$50 to \$150. One exception is Town of Natick which has a variable fee based on estimated cost. The maximum fee charged by Natick is \$5,000.

Conclusion

The fee comparison in this report will be particularly beneficial during the fee review process. By reviewing existing and potential fees on a regular basis, municipalities can create new sources of funding that are efficient and equitable. Most user fees should be adjusted periodically to account for inflation and other factors that increase the cost of a service. The *Finance Committee Primer*, produced by the Association of Town Finance Committees underscores the importance of setting fees at levels that cover the costs, both direct and indirect, of municipal services and using property tax revenues for other purposes. This report enables MetroWest communities to compare fee structures, identify which fees are most effective at covering the cost of services and use this information to evaluate their own fee structure.

The 1981 Guide, *Using User Fees*, by UMASS and MMA recommends the following steps be taken when considering the implementation of a new fee or increasing an existing one:

- ☐ Find out whether or not the action is legal under state law. Although many fees have limits set by state law, some of these limits have been raised or

eliminated in the state legislature. Municipalities should take advantage of new opportunities to set or increase charges.

- ☐ Ascertain the total cost of providing the service, including direct salary, fringe benefits, administrative overhead, fixed asset replacement, capital depreciation, and debt service retirement.
- ☐ Determine how the fee will be collected and the cost of collection.
- ☐ Assess public opinion towards the fee through hearings or opinion polls.
- ☐ Plan a publicity campaign to disseminate information on the fee and encourage a positive reception.

In some cases communities may choose not to increase fees even if fee revenue does not fully fund the service provided. One reason may be to encourage development or the demand for certain municipal services. For example, Marlborough charges less for a commercial building permit than for a residential building permit, which makes it an attractive location for business development. Communities may also want to keep fees low if the beneficiaries of a municipal service are low-income. For some services, the difficulty of fee collection makes a user fee an impracticable source of funding. If the cost of collecting the fee is too high, it will offset any revenue derived from the fee. Another disadvantage of user fees, is that they are not tax deductible.

Whatever fee adjustments are decided upon, the review process will be more efficient and effective with a centralized list of fees and comparison with surrounding communities. The MetroWest Fee Study provides both of those tools. If updated on an annual basis, this study will continue to facilitate periodic fee reviews and help MetroWest communities generate necessary revenue in years to come.

Comparison of Board of Health Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
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Animals/Livestock

Equine: \$30; Other: \$15	\$25 fee	None	\$40 fee	\$25 fee	\$20 fee	\$25 fee	New: \$30; Renewal: \$15	\$25 fee
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Food -- Bakeries

None	\$80-\$150 fee	\$75-\$100 fee; based on square feet	\$150-\$500 fee; based on square feet	None	None	None	None	None
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Food -- Catering Establishment

\$75 fee	None	\$50 fee per annum; \$10 per function	\$100 per annum; \$10 per function	\$150 fee	None	None	\$100 fee	None
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note: gpd = gallons per day

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Food -- Food Service Establishment									
\$100-\$200 fee; based on seats	\$80-\$300 fee; based on seats	\$50-\$100 fee; based on seats	\$150-\$500 fee; based on seats.	\$75 fee	\$75-\$125 fee; based on seats	\$300 fee	\$275 for 20 seats plus \$2.50 per addtl; max. \$375	\$100 fee	
<i>Food establishment with 1-25 seats</i>									
\$100 fee	\$80 fee	\$50 fee	\$150 fee	\$75 fee	\$75 fee	\$300 fee	\$275 for 20 seats plus \$2.50 per addtl; max. \$375	\$100 fee	
<i>Food establishment with 26-100 seats</i>									
\$125-\$150 fee	\$80-\$150 fee	\$75-\$100 fee	\$200-\$250 fee	\$75 fee	\$100 fee	\$300 fee	\$275 for 20 seats plus \$2.50 per addtl; max. \$375	\$100 fee	
<i>Food establishment with over 100 seats</i>									
\$200 fee	\$150-\$300 fee	\$100 fee	\$300-\$500 fee	\$75 fee	\$125 fee	\$300 fee	\$275 for 20 seats plus \$2.50 per addtl; max. \$375	\$100 fee	
Food -- Food Service Plan Review									
None	\$25 fee	\$50 fee	\$100-\$500 fee; based on square feet	Consultant Fee	None	\$250 fee	\$100 fee	None	

note: gpd = gallons per day

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Food -- Frozen Desert Manufacturing									
	None	\$5 fee	\$20 fee	\$25 fee	None	None	\$30 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee
Food -- Ice Cream Truck									
	None	None	\$10 fee	\$30 fee	\$5 fee	None	\$50 fee	None	None
Food -- Limited Food Permit									
	None	None	None	None	\$25 fee	None	\$50 fee	None	None
Food -- Milk Dealer									
	None	None	\$2 fee	\$2 fee	None	\$2 fee	None	None	\$2 fee

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Fee	Ashland	Frammingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Food -- Milk Store									
None	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	None	\$2 fee
Food -- Mobile Food Server									
Seasonal: \$50 fee; Year round: \$100 fee	\$40 fee	\$50 fee	\$75 fee	None	\$100 fee	\$100 fee	None	\$100 fee	\$100 fee
Food -- Residential Kitchen Review									
None	None	\$25 fee	None	\$15 fee	None	None	None	None	None
Food -- Retail Food Establishment									
\$40-\$350 fee; based on square feet	\$80-\$300; based on square feet	\$50-\$150 fee; based on square feet	\$100-\$500 fee; based on square feet	\$75 fee	None	\$300 fee	\$170-\$275 fee; based on square feet	None	None

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Fee Ashland Framingham Marlborough Natick Southborough Sudbury Wayland Wellesley Weston

Food -- Temporary Food Permit

None	\$10 fee	\$25 (commercial); \$10 (non-profit)	\$50 (commercial); \$10 (non-profit)	\$25 (commercial); \$0 (non-profit)	\$5 fee	\$15 fee	None	None
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Funerals -- Burial Permit

None	\$5 fee	\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	\$5 fee	None
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Funerals -- Funeral Director License

None	None	\$25 fee	\$50 fee	\$10 fee	\$25 fee	\$50 fee	\$100 fee	None
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Massage -- Establishment Permit

New: \$200; Renewal: \$100	\$100 fee	\$25 fee	\$200 fee; or \$100 for individual practice	\$25	New: \$150 fee; Renewal: \$100	None	\$25 fee	None
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Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Massage -- License to Practice									
\$50 fee	\$35 fee	\$75 fee	\$50 fee	\$25 fee	New: \$100; Renewal: \$75	None	\$10 fee	None	
Recreational Camp -- License to Operate									
\$50 fee	\$50 fee	None	\$50 fee	\$25 fee	\$50 fee	\$80 fee	\$100 fee	\$100 fee	
Refuse Hauler License									
None	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	None	None	\$45 fee	\$100 per truck	\$25 per truck	\$25 per truck	
Sewage -- License to Haul Septage									
\$300 for 1-3 trucks; \$50 per addtl truck	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$150 fee	\$50 fee	\$45 per truck	\$100 per truck plus \$30 per 1,000 gallons above 3,000	\$25 per truck	\$25 per truck	

note: gpd = gallons per day

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Sewage -- License to Install Sewage Disposal Works									
	\$200 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$150 fee	\$30 fee	New: \$75; Renewal: \$45	New: \$100; Renewal: \$50	None	\$100 fee
Sewage -- Permit to Construct a Sewage Disposal System									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$400 for 4 bdrm plus \$50 per addtl bdrm	None	\$75 fee	\$250 up to 1,500 gpd; \$600 above 1,500 gpd	\$100 fee	\$225 up to 550 gpd; \$325 up to 1,000 gpd; plus \$100 per 1,000	\$700 up to 550 gpd; or \$70 plus \$0.20 per gallon above 550 gallons	\$400 fee	\$500	
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$600 for 500 gpd plus \$1 per addtl gpd	None	\$75 fee	\$250 up to 1,500 gpd; \$600 above 1,500 gpd	\$0.25 per gpd; min. \$150	\$225 up to 550 gpd; \$325 up to 1,000 gpd; plus \$100 per 1,000	\$700 up to 550 gpd; or \$70 plus \$0.20 per gallon above 550 gallons	\$400 fee	\$500	
Sewage -- Permit to Repair or Replace a Sewage Disposal System									
<u>Residential</u>									
None	\$100 fee	\$50 fee	\$150 up to 1,500 gpd; \$400 above 1,500 gpd	None	None	\$175 fee	\$200 fee	\$50 fee	
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$100 fee	\$100 fee	\$50 fee	\$150 up to 1,500 gpd; \$400 above 1,500 gpd	None	None	None	\$200 fee	\$50 fee	

note: gpd = gallons per day

Fee **Ashland** **Framingham** **Marlborough** **Natick** **Southborough** **Sudbury** **Wayland** **Wellesley** **Weston**
Sewage -- Sewage Disposal System Plan Review

Residential

None

\$150 fee

None

None

\$50

None

None

None

None

Commercial/Industrial

None

\$150 fee

None

None

\$100

None

None

None

None

Sewage -- Sewage Disposal System Plan Revision

Residential

\$100 after first revision

\$50 fee

None

None

None

None

Prior to approval: \$75-\$200; After approval: \$100-\$250

None

None

Commercial/Industrial

\$200 after first revision

\$50 fee

None

None

None

None

Prior to approval: \$75-\$200; After approval: \$100-\$250

None

None

note: gpd = gallons per day

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Sewage -- Soil Test									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$200 per lot for 5 tests plus \$50 per addtl test	\$100 fee	\$50 per lot	None	\$100 fee	None	None	None	None	None
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$200 per lot for 5 tests plus \$50 per addtl test	\$100 fee	\$50 per lot	None	\$0.10 per gallon; min. \$100	None	None	None	None	None
Subdivision Review -- Definitive Plan									
None	None	None	\$250 plus \$25 per lot	None	None	\$3,000 initial payment	None	None	None
Subdivision Review -- Preliminary Plan									
None	None	None	\$150 fee	None	None	\$2,000 initial payment	None	None	None

note: gpd = gallons per day

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Swimming Pool -- License to Install									
None	None	None	None	\$150 fee	None	None	\$10 fee	None	None
Swimming Pool -- License to Operate									
\$200 fee		\$100-\$200 fee	\$50 fee	\$250 fee; w/ specialty pool \$400 fee	\$25 fee	\$35 fee	\$200 fee	\$100	\$100 fee
Swimming Pool -- Permit to Construct									
None		\$25 fee	\$50 fee	Private: \$30-\$75; Public: \$300	Private: \$0; Public: \$50-\$125	None	Private: \$25-50; Public: \$200	Private: \$25; Public: \$50	None
Tanning Salon									
None		None	None	\$75 fee	None	New: \$150; Renewal: \$100	None	None	None

note: gpd = gallons per day

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Well Permit									
New: \$175; Repair: \$100	\$50 fee	None	\$125 fee	\$100 fee	\$75 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee

note: gpd = gallons per day

Comparison of Building Permit Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures and Additions									
Residential									
\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$20.00		\$10 per \$1,000	\$10 per \$1,000	\$8 per \$1,000	\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$50	\$5 per \$1,000; min. \$20	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$25	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$100	\$5 per \$1,000
Commercial/Industrial									
\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$100		\$13.75 per \$1,000	\$10 per \$1,000	\$8 per \$1,000	\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$150	\$5 per \$1,000; min. \$20	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$25	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$540	\$5 per \$1,000
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures, Chimney									
\$25 per unit (Masonry)	None	None	None	None	\$15 fee	None	None	None	None
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures, Deck									
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$7 per \$1,000 ev; min. \$35	None
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures, Fence									
None	None	None	None	\$20 fee	None	None	None	None	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures, Roofing/Siding									
Residential									
\$15 fee	None	None	None	None	\$15 fee (Vinyl Siding)	None	None	None	None
Commercial/Industrial									
\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$50	None	None	None	None	\$15 fee (Vinyl Siding)	None	None	None	None
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures, Shed									
None	None	None	None	\$20 fee	None	None	None	None	None
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures, Swimming Pool									
\$20-\$30 fee	None	None	None	\$60 fee	\$40-\$50 fee	None	None	None	None
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures, Temporary Mobile Home									
\$30 fee	None	None	None	\$20 fee	None	None	None	None	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Building Permit -- Accessory Structures, Tent									
	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$50	None	None	None	\$15 fee	None	None	\$25 fee	None
Building Permit -- Foundation									
<u>Residential</u>									
None	None	None	None	\$8 per \$1,000	None	None	None	None	None
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
None	None	None	None	\$8 per \$1,000	\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$20	None	None	None	None
Building Permit -- Interior Alteration									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$30	\$10 per \$1,000	\$10 fee plus \$1 per \$1,000 over \$10,000	\$8 per \$1,000	\$8 per \$1,000	\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$50	\$5 per \$1,000; min. \$20	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$25	\$7 per \$1,000; min \$50	\$5 per \$1,000
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$50	\$13.75 per \$1,000	\$50 fee plus \$5 per \$1,000 over \$10,000	\$8 per \$1,000	\$8 per \$1,000	\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$150	\$5 per \$1,000; min. \$20	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$25	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$100	\$5 per \$1,000

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Building Permit -- Interior Alteration, Elevator Installation									
None	None	\$15 fee	\$8 per \$1,000	None	None	None	None	None	None
Building Permit -- Interior Alteration, Solid Fuel Appliance									
\$15 fee	None	\$5 fee	None	\$25 fee	None	\$25 fee	\$15 fee	None	None
Building Permit -- New Building									
Residential									
\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$200	\$10 per \$1,000; min. \$20	\$5 per \$1,000	\$8 per \$1,000	\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$375	\$5 per \$1,000; min. \$20	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$25	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$540	\$5 per \$1,000	\$5 per \$1,000
Commercial/Industrial									
\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$100	\$13.75 per \$1,000; min. \$20	\$50 fee plus \$1 per \$1,000 above \$10,000	\$8 per \$1,000	\$7.50 per \$1,000; min. \$525	\$5 per \$1,000; min. \$20	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$25	\$7 per \$1,000; min. \$540	\$5 per \$1,000	\$5 per \$1,000
Building Permit -- Re-inspections									
\$10 fee	None	None	\$25 fee	\$15 fee	None	\$15 fee	\$25 fee	None	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Building Permit -- Signs									
\$20-\$30 fee	None	None	None	\$40-\$60 fee	\$40-\$80 fee	\$5 per \$1,000	None	\$25 fee	None
Demolition Permit									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$30 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$40 fee	\$25 fee	\$5 per \$1,000	None	None	None	None
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$50 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$40 fee	\$100 fee	\$5 per \$1,000	None	None	None	None
Demolition Permit -- Accessory Structure									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
None	None	None	None	\$25 fee	None	None	None	None	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Moving Permit									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$30 fee		None	\$25 fee	\$40-\$120 fee	\$25 fee	None	None	None	None
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$50 fee		None	\$25 fee	\$40-\$120 fee	\$25 fee	None	None	None	None
Occupancy Permit									
\$15 fee		None	None	\$20 fee	None	None	None	\$20 fee	None

Comparison of Cemetery Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Cemetery Lot									
Res.: \$200; Nonres.: \$400	No Lots Available	\$300 fee	No Cemetery	Res.: \$250; Nonres.: \$450	\$301 fee	Res.: \$175-\$600 Nonres.: \$350-\$1,200	No Cemetery	\$1,500-\$3,000 fee	
Cemetery Lot -- Cremation									
None	No Lots Available	\$50 fee	No Cemetery	None	\$101 fee	None	No Cemetery	\$1,000 fee	
Cemetery Lot -- Infant									
None	No Lots Available	\$50 fee	No Cemetery	None	\$76 fee	None	No Cemetery	None	
Foundation for Memorial Stone									
None	None	None	No Cemetery	\$25 per linear foot	\$20 per foot; min. \$50	\$20 per square foot	No Cemetery	None	
Grave Opening									
\$125 fee	\$250 fee	None	No Cemetery	\$130-\$205 fee	\$300-\$375 fee	\$100-\$250 fee	No Cemetery	Res.: \$575-\$1,000 Nonres.: \$900-\$1,325	
Grave Opening -- Cremation									
\$50 fee	\$50 fee	None	No Cemetery	\$45 fee	\$75-\$100 fee	\$25-\$70 fee	No Cemetery	Res.: \$200-\$350 Nonres.: \$250-\$400	
Grave Opening -- Infant									
\$75 fee	\$100 fee	None	No Cemetery	\$45-\$65 fee	None	\$50-\$80 fee	No Cemetery	Res.: \$150-\$300 Nonres.: \$200-\$450	

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Grave Opening -- Winter/Frost Fee	\$200 fee	\$100 fee	None	No Cemetery	\$75 fee	None	None	No Cemetery	\$150 fee

Comparison of Documentation and Certification Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Birth Certificate -- Adoption or Home Birth									
None	None	None	None	None	\$2 fee	None	\$10 fee	None	None
Birth Certificate -- Amendment to Legitimize a Child Born Out of Wedlock									
\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$10 fee	None
Birth Certificate -- Certified Copy									
\$5 fee		Short form: \$2; Long form: \$6	Short form: \$2; Long form: \$5	Short form: \$2; Long form: \$3	Short form: \$3; Long form: \$5	Short form: \$4; Long form: \$5	\$5 fee	\$8 fee	None
Birth Certificate -- Correction									
\$10 fee		\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	\$10 fee	\$4 fee	None
Business Certificate -- Certified Copy									
\$5 fee	None	None	None	None	None	\$5 fee	\$5 fee	None	None
Business Certificate -- Discontinue/Change									
\$10 fee	None		\$5 fee	None	None	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	None
Business Certificate -- Filing									
\$25 fee (includes one certified copy)		\$25 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$20 fee	\$20 fee	\$30 fee	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Death Certificate -- Certified Copy									
\$5 fee		Short form: \$2; Long form: \$6	Short form: \$2; Long form: \$5	Short form: \$2; Long form: \$3	Short form: \$3; Long form: \$5	Short form: \$4; Long form: \$5	\$5 fee	\$8 fee	None
Death Certificate -- Correction									
\$10 fee		\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	\$10 fee	\$20 fee	None
Delayed Record of Birth, Marriage, or Death									
\$10 fee		None	None	None	None	None	None	\$10 fee (Birth only)	None
Dog License									
\$11 fee		\$15 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$20 fee	None
Dog License -- Spayed/Neutered									
7 fee		\$10 fee	\$6 fee	\$6 fee	\$6 fee	\$6 fee	\$6 fee	\$12 fee	None
Dog License -- Transfer From Another Town									
None		None	None	None	None	None	\$1 fee	None	None
Filing & Indexing Assignment for Benefit of Creditors									
\$10 fee		None	None	None	None	None	None	\$25 fee	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Fuel Storage License									
\$10 fee	None		New: \$50; Renewal: \$25	None	\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	None	None
List of Pole Locations									
\$25 fee	None		\$50 fee	None	None	\$40 fee	None	\$50 plus \$25 per street	None
List of Residents									
Resident: \$10 Non-resident: \$13 Municipal: \$5		\$10 fee; On Disk: \$50	None	\$5 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$20 fee	\$12 fee	None
List of Voters									
\$10 fee		On Disk: \$20	None	None	None	\$10 fee	\$0.50 per page	None	None
Marriage Certificate -- Certified Copy									
\$5 fee		\$20 fee	Short form: \$2; Long form: \$5	Short form: \$2; Long form: \$3	Short form: \$3; Long form: \$5	Short form: \$4; Long form: \$5	\$5 fee	\$8 fee	None
Marriage Certificate -- Correction									
\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$10 fee	\$20 fee	None
Marriage Certificate -- Persons Married Outside the Commonwealth									
\$5 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$5 fee	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Marriage License									
\$20 fee (includes certified copy)	None	\$10 fee	None	None	\$6 fee	\$15 fee	\$15 fee	\$40 fee	\$15 fee
Optometry Certificate									
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$50 fee	None
Physician's Certificate									
None	None	None	None	None	\$1 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$50 fee	None
Power of Attorney									
\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$20 fee	None
Uniform Commercial Code -- Amendment									
\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	None	None
Uniform Commercial Code -- Certified Copy									
\$3 fee	None	None	None	None	\$3 fee	None	\$2 per statement	None	None
Uniform Commercial Code -- Continuance									
\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	None	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Uniform Commercial Code -- Filing									
\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$25 fee	None
Uniform Commercial Code -- Release of Collateral									
None	None	None	None	None	\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	None	None
Uniform Commercial Code -- Termination									
\$5 fee	\$5 fee	\$5 fee	\$5 fee	\$5 fee	\$5 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$25 fee	None
Voter Identification									
\$3 fee	\$2 fee	None	None	None	\$1 fee	\$2 fee	\$2 fee	\$6 fee	None

Comparison of Entertainment, Liquor, and Vendor Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Auctioneer									
\$25 fee		\$15 annual; \$10 per event	None	None	\$50 annual; \$10 per day	\$15 annual; \$15 per day	None	\$25	None
Auto Dealer -- Class I (New)									
\$50 fee		\$100 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	None	None	None
Auto Dealer -- Class II (Used)									
\$50 fee		\$100 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	None	None
Auto Dealer -- Class III (Junk)									
\$50 fee		\$100 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	None	\$50 fee	None	None	None
Automatic Amusement Device									
\$100 per machine		\$100 per machine	\$100 fee	\$40 for 1 machine; \$20 per addtl machine	\$100 per machine	\$20 machine	None	\$100 per machine	None
Common Victualler									
\$25 fee		\$50 fee	\$25 fee	\$25 fee	\$3 fee	\$25 fee	\$25 fee	\$5 fee	\$15 fee
Innholder/Lodging									
\$25 fee		\$50 fee	\$25 fee	\$25 fee	None	\$50 (application fee)	None	\$50 fee	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Junk Collector/Dealer									
\$5 fee	\$25 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$5 fee	None	None	None	None	None
Liquor License -- Club									
None	\$1,000 fee	\$800 fee	\$350 fee	\$700 fee	\$500 fee	\$750 fee	\$1,400 fee	No liquor licenses	No liquor licenses
Liquor License -- Innholder									
None	\$3,500 fee	\$1,500 fee	\$3,500 fee	None	\$2,500 fee	None	\$5,000 fee	No liquor licenses	No liquor licenses
Liquor License -- Restaurant, All Alcohol									
\$1,550 fee	\$2,500 fee	\$1,000 fee	\$1,750 fee	\$1,500 fee	\$2,500 fee	\$1,500 fee	\$3,600 fee	No liquor licenses	No liquor licenses
Liquor License -- Restaurant, Beer and Wine									
\$700 fee	\$1,300 fee	\$550 fee	\$700 fee	\$700 fee	\$1,000 fee	\$500 fee	None	No liquor licenses	No liquor licenses
Liquor License -- Retail, All Alcohol									
\$1,550 fee	\$2,000 fee	\$1,200 fee	\$1,750 fee	\$1,500 fee	\$2,000 fee	\$1,500 fee	None	No liquor licenses	No liquor licenses
Liquor License -- Retail, Beer and Wine									
\$700 fee	\$1,200 fee	\$550 fee	None	\$700 fee	\$1,000 fee	None	None	No liquor licenses	No liquor licenses

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Public Conveyance/Taxi License									
\$100 fee	None	None	\$10 per vehicle; \$5 per driver	\$25 fee	\$10-\$25 fee	\$30 fee	\$25 per vehicle	\$10 fee	
Public Entertainment									
\$100 fee	\$50 fee	\$25-\$100 fee	\$10-\$100 fee	None	\$25 fee	\$25 fee	\$25 fee	None	
Public Entertainment -- Sunday									
None	\$75 fee	\$85 fee	\$200 fee	\$50 fee	\$250 fee	None	None	\$10 fee	

Comparison of Fire Department Fees

Fee	Ashland	Frammingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Ambulance -- Advanced Life Support									
\$200 fee	Private Service	Private Service	Private Service	\$225 fee	None	None	None	Private Service	None
Ambulance -- Basic Service									
\$175 fee	Private Service	Private Service	Private Service	\$175 fee	\$100 fee	\$206.81 fee	\$206 fee	Private Service	\$140 fee
Ambulance -- Defibrillator									
\$58.28 fee	Private Service	Private Service	Private Service	None	None	\$81.64 fee	None	Private Service	None
Ambulance -- Intravenous Therapy									
\$77.33 fee	Private Service	Private Service	Private Service	\$125 fee	None	None	None	Private Service	None
Ambulance -- Mileage									
\$6.67-\$8.73 per mile	Private Service	Private Service	Private Service	\$8.75-\$12.50 per mile	\$5 per mile	None	\$9.25 per mile	Private Service	\$4 per mile if outside of area
Ambulance -- Oxygen									
\$29.10 fee	Private Service	Private Service	Private Service	\$35 fee	None	\$38.10 fee	\$38 fee	Private Service	None
Blasting Permit									
\$20 fee	\$10 fee	None	None	None	\$25 fee	\$10 fee	\$25 fee	None	None

Fee	Ashland	Frammingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Fireworks Display	None	None	None	\$10 fee	None	None	Indoor: \$25; Outdoor: \$100	None	None
Master Fire Alarm Box Connected to Fire Station									
Annual: \$200	Connection: \$150; Annual: \$200	None	Connection: \$150	None	None	Connection: \$100; Annual: \$75-\$200	Connection: \$200; Annual: \$200	Connection: \$300	None
Oil Burner Permit									
\$20 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$25 fee	\$10 fee	None
Smoke Detector Inspection									
\$20 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	None
Sprinkler System Permit									
\$20 fee	\$10 fee	None	None	\$30-\$200 fee; based on heads	None	None	\$25-\$75 fee	None	None
Storage -- Ammunition									
None	None	None	\$10 fee	None	None	None	\$5 fee	\$5 fee	None
Storage -- LP Gas									
\$20 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10-\$50 fee; based on lbs	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$25 fee	None	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Storage -- Smokeless and Black Powder									
\$20 fee	\$10 fee	\$5 fee	\$10 fee	\$5 fee	\$5 fee	\$25 fee	None	None	None
Tanks -- Residential Oil Tank Installation									
\$20 fee	\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$25 fee	\$10 fee	\$25 fee	\$10 fee	None	None
Tanks -- Tank Truck									
None	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	None
Tanks -- Underground Storage Tank Installation									
None	None	\$10 fee	None	\$25 fee	None	\$25-\$100 fee	\$10 fee	None	None
Tanks -- Underground Storage Tank Removal									
\$20 fee	None	\$10 fee	None	\$50 fee	\$10 fee	\$25-\$100 fee	\$10 fee	None	None

Comparison of Gas Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Gas -- Alterations									
Residential									
\$35 for 4 units plus \$5 per addtl unit		\$30 per unit plus \$5 per fixture	\$10 for 1 fixture plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$28 fee	\$20 fee	\$40 for 5 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$25 for 5 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$20 for 2 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$5 per fixture
Commercial/Industrial									
\$25 for 1 fixture plus \$5 per addtl fixture		\$50 per unit plus \$10 per fixture	\$10 fee	\$28 for 5 units plus \$2 per addtl unit	\$50 plus \$5 per fixture	\$60 fee	\$25 for 5 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$20 for 2 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$5 per fixture
Gas -- New Commercial Building or Multi-Family Residence									
\$100 plus \$5 per fixture		\$75 per unit plus \$10 per fixture	\$50 plus \$2 per unit	\$50 for 5 units plus \$4 per addtl unit	\$50 plus \$5 per fixture	\$60 fee	\$25 for 5 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$20 for 2 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$5 per fixture
Gas -- New Single Family Residence									
\$75 fee		\$30 plus \$5 per fixture	\$35 fee	\$50 fee	\$25 plus \$5 per fixture	\$40 for 5 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$25 for 5 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$20 for 2 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$5 per fixture

* Fees for a two-family residence are the same as those for a single family residence.

Comparison of Planning Fees

Fee	Ashtand	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Approval Not Required Plan									
None	\$100 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$50 fee	\$35 fee	If no new boundary lines, \$50; If new boundary lines, \$100 plus \$100 per lot	\$50 fee	\$700 plus \$525 per lot	\$55 fee
Definitive Subdivision Plan									
Fee based on cost of review; 1-4 acres plus \$200 per additional acre	50% of \$1,000 for 1-4 acres plus \$200 per additional acre	\$500 filing fee plus \$100 advertising and mailing costs plus \$2 per linear foot of proposed roadway; less 80% of fees paid for preliminary plan if filed within seven months	\$500 plus \$100 per acre	1-5 lots: \$1000 plus \$500 per lot; 6-10 lots: \$500 plus \$500 per lot; 11-25 lots: \$500 plus \$400 per lot; 26+ lots: \$400 per lot; Plus 25% administration	\$150 per lot plus \$1 per linear ft of proposed roadway or \$2000; If no Preliminary Plan was filed, \$2000 plus \$200 per lot	filing fee: \$1 per linear foot of road; min. \$500; waive filing fee if filed within 7 months of Preliminary Plan; review fee: \$1 per linear foot of road; min. \$1000; unused funds are returned	\$1,500 plus \$975 per lot plus engineering costs, if Preliminary Plan was submitted; \$3,500 plus \$1,475 per lot plus engineering costs, if no Preliminary Plan was submitted;	\$325 fee; Plus 2-4 lots: \$4,500; 5-10 lots: \$6,500; 11-20 lots: \$7,500	
Preliminary Subdivision Plan									
\$200 fee; If excess, credited to Definitive Plan	50% of \$1,000 for 1-4 acres plus \$200 per additional acre	\$200 filing fee plus \$100 for advertising & mailing costs plus \$1 per linear foot of proposed roadway	\$100 plus \$10 per acre; May be credited toward Definitive Plan if filed within 7 months	1-5 lots: \$500 plus \$250 per lot; 6-10 lots: \$250 plus \$250 per lot; 11-25 lots: \$250 plus \$200 per lot; 26+ lots: \$200 per lot; Plus 25% administration	\$50 per lot plus \$1 per linear foot of proposed roadway; min. \$500	filing fee: \$1 per linear foot of road; min. \$500; review fee: \$1 per linear foot of road; min. \$1000; unused funds are returned	\$1000 fee	\$200 fee; Plus 2-4 lots: \$2,500; 5-10 lots: \$3,000; 11-20 lots: \$3,500	

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Site Plan Approval									
Based on charges of consultant		\$2,000 plus \$.06 per square foot of gross floor area; additional mitigation may be required	None	\$2 per 1000 square feet; min. \$1000	\$250 plus engineering review costs	\$250 fee	None	\$750 fee	Minor project: \$250 fee; Mid range project: \$1,000 fee; Major project (over 1000 gross floor area): \$2,500

Comparison of Plumbing Fees

Fee	Ashland	Frammingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
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Plumbing -- Alterations

Residential

\$35 for 4 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$28 for 1 fixture plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$2 per fixture; min. \$10	\$28 for 3 fixtures plus \$2 per addtl fixture	\$20 plus \$2 per fixture	\$40 for 5 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$25 fee	\$20 for 2 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$5 per fixture
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Commercial/Industrial

\$25 for 1 fixture or \$50 plus \$5 per fixture	\$50 per unit plus \$10 per fixture	\$25 plus \$2 per fixture	\$50 for 5 fixtures plus \$2 per addtl fixture	\$50 plus \$10 per fixture	\$60 for first fixture plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$25 fee	\$20 for 2 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$5 per fixture
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Plumbing -- New Commercial Building or Multi-Family Residence

\$100 plus \$5 per fixture	\$100 per unit plus \$10 per fixture	\$25 plus \$.50 per \$100	\$74 for five fixtures plus \$4 per addtl fixture	\$50 plus \$10 per fixture	\$60 for first fixture plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$25 for 5 fixtures plus \$25 per addtl fixture	\$20 for 2 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$5 per fixture
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Plumbing -- New Single Family Residence

\$75 fee	\$50 for 1 fixture plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$35 fee	\$50 for 5 fixtures plus \$4 per addtl fixture	\$50 plus \$5 per fixture	\$40 for 5 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$25 for 5 fixtures plus \$25 per addtl fixture	\$20 for 2 fixtures plus \$5 per addtl fixture	\$5 per fixture
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* Fees for a two-family residence are the same as those for a single family residence.

Comparison of Police Department Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Bike Registration									
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$.50
Fingerprints									
None	None	None	\$5 fee	None	None	\$1 fee	None	None	None
Firearms Identification Card									
\$2 fee	\$5 fee	\$5 fee	\$2 fee	\$5 fee	\$2 fee	\$5 fee	\$2 fee	\$2 fee	\$5 fee
Firearms License									
New: \$35; Renewal: \$25	New: \$50; Renewal: \$30	\$20 fee	\$20 fee	\$20 fee	\$20 fee	\$20 per page	\$20 fee	\$30 fee	\$20 fee
Hackney License									
None	New: \$15; Renewal: \$10	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Police Detail -- Regular Hourly Rate									
\$24.95-\$36.88	\$25.50	\$20-\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25.65	\$28.49	\$27.50	\$24-\$40	
Police Detail -- Service Charge									
\$5 per officer	10% of billed amount	10% of billed amount	10% of billed amount	\$10% of billed amount	10% of billed amount	10% of billed amount	10% of billed amount	None	None

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Police Detail -- Surcharge, Holiday									
None	\$25.50 per hour	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None
Police Detail -- Surcharge, Sunday									
None	\$12.75 per hour	\$10 fee	\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None
Report -- Accident Report									
None	\$5 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None	By mail: \$5; In person: \$1	None
Report -- Police Report									
None	\$1 per page	\$5 fee	\$0.50 per page	By mail: \$5; In person: 0	\$0.50 per page	\$1 per page	By mail: \$5; In person: \$0.50 per page	None	None
Solicitor's License									
None	None	\$10 fee (Non-residents only)	None	None	None	\$15 fee	None	None	None

Comparison of Recreation Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Beach -- Adult Daily Pass									
None		\$2 fee	None	\$6 fee	None	None	\$3 fee	\$4 fee	None
Beach -- Adult Season Pass									
None		\$10 fee	None	Res.: \$28; Nonres.: \$45	None	None	Res.: \$10; Nonres.: \$55	Res.: \$20; Nonres.: \$35	None
Beach -- Child Daily Pass									
None		\$2 fee	None	\$6 fee	None	None	\$3 fee	\$4 fee	None
Beach -- Child Season Pass									
None		\$10 fee	None	Res.: \$15; Nonres.: \$22	None	None	Res.: \$5; Nonres.: \$30	Res.: \$15; Nonres.: \$30	None
Beach -- Family Season Pass									
None		\$30 fee	Res.: \$15; Nonres.: \$45	None	None	None	\$35 fee	None	None
Field Rental -- Businesses or Individuals									
Res.: \$3; Nonres.: \$5	None	Res.: Free - \$300; Nonres.: \$25 - \$500	Per Day: \$10 per field	Per Season: \$100; Per Day: \$25	Per Season: \$10 per person; Day: \$20	Per Season: \$10 per person	Per Day: \$15 per field	Per Day: \$20 per field	

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Field Rental -- Non-Profit Youth Groups									
Res.: \$3; Nonres.: \$5	None	Res.: Free - \$100; Nonres.: \$25 - \$500	Per Day: \$1 per field	None	Per Season: \$10 per person; Per Day: \$20	Per Season: \$10 per person	None	None	\$5 per registered player
Field Rental -- Other Non-Profit Groups									
Res.: \$3; Nonres.: \$5	None	Res.: Free - \$100; Nonres.: \$25 - \$500	Per Day: \$4 per field	None	Per Season: \$10 per person; Per Day: \$20	Per Season: \$10 per person	None	None	\$5 per registered player
Public Swimming Pool -- Adult Daily Pass									
None	Res.: \$2; Nonres.: \$4	None	None	None	Res.: \$3; Nonres.: \$4	None	None	None	None
Public Swimming Pool -- Adult Season Pass									
None	None	None	None	None	Res.: \$145-\$255; Nonres.: \$155-\$355	None	None	None	\$50 fee
Public Swimming Pool -- Child Daily Pass									
None	Res.: \$2; Nonres.: \$4	None	None	None	Res.: \$3; Nonres.: \$3	None	None	None	None
Public Swimming Pool -- Child Season Pass									
None	None	None	None	None	Res.: \$95-\$125; Nonres.: \$100-\$130	None	None	None	\$50 fee
Public Swimming Pool -- Family Season Pass									
None	None	None	None	None	Res.: \$205-\$420; Nonres.: \$220-\$490	None	None	None	\$100 fee

Comparison of Sewer Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
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Inspection & Permit

\$37.50 first hour; \$25 per addtl hour; After 3:30 PM: \$50 per hour	None	None	\$25 fee	None	None	None	None	\$250 fee	None
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Septage Dumping Fee

None	None	\$37.50 per 1,000 gallons	None	None	None	\$0.09 per gallon	\$108 per truck load	None	None
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Sewage Rate

Base charge: \$15; Plus \$2.86-\$3.01 per ccf	Base charge: \$9- \$555; Plus \$2.53- \$5.40 per ccf	\$1.70 per ccf	\$0.95 per ccf	None	None	None	None	Base charge: \$3; Plus \$3.20 per ccf	None
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Sewer Entrance Fees

Residential

Existing structure: \$100; New structure: \$500	\$25 fee	\$600 plus \$50 per unit	\$264 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None
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Commercial/Industrial

Existing structure: \$100; New structure: \$500	Office: \$0.04 per sq. ft.; Industry: \$0.06 per sq. ft.	\$1,000-10,000 fee; based on size of pipes	\$264 fee	None	None	None	None	None	None
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note: ccf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Comparison of Solid Waste Disposal Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Disposal of Bulky Items									
None	None	None	None	\$20 fee	None	\$16.50 per cubic yard	None	None	None
Disposal of Bulky Items -- Household Appliances with Freon									
None	Pickup: \$6-\$30; Drop off: free	None	None	\$20 fee	None	\$20 fee	None	\$20 fee	\$15 fee
Disposal of Bulky Items -- Household Appliances without Freon									
None	Pickup: \$6-\$30; Drop off: free	None	None	\$20 fee	None	None	None	\$20 fee	None
Disposal of Yard Waste									
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$35 per ton	\$5 per cubic yard (for contractors)
Landfill/Transfer Station Sticker									
None	\$3 fee	\$5 fee	None	\$50 fee	\$85 fee	First Car: \$130, Second Car: \$10	None	First Car: \$130; Second Car \$10	

Comparison of Water Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Final Water Reading									
Mondays: \$15; Tuesdays-Friday: \$25		\$20 fee	None	None	None	\$25 fee	None	None	None
Inspection & Permit									
First inspection: Free; Addti: \$37.50-\$50 per hour		None	Cross Connection: City Cost	\$25 fee	None	\$10 fee	None	\$100 fee	None
Meter Tests (If Found Accurate)									
\$15 or \$50 per hour after 3:30 PM		\$25 fee	Second Test: \$5; Third Test: \$10	None	None	None	None	None	None

note: cf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
New Service Installation									
Residential									
Less than 2" meter: \$500- \$1,250; 2" + meter: \$500 per 1/2"	\$1,000 per inch of the diameter of the service pipe	\$400; Plus \$25 per unit	\$404-\$1,544 based on meter; Plus \$2.57-\$10.85 per lf above 30'	\$1,000-\$4,000; based on meter size	Estimated \$1,661-\$1,781 for standard	Market rate, cost varies	\$12-\$20 per lf of pipe; based on meter size	\$1,000 fee	
Commercial/Industrial									
Less than 2" meter: \$500- \$1,250; 2" + meter: \$500 per 1/2"	\$1,000 per inch of the diameter of the service pipe	\$500-\$5,000; based on diameter of the service pipe	\$404-\$1,544 based on meter; Plus \$2.57-\$10.85 per lf above 30'	\$1,000-\$4,000; based on meter size	Estimated \$1,661-\$1,781 for standard	Market rate, cost varies	\$12-\$20 per lf of pipe; based on meter size	\$1,000 fee	
New Service Installation -- Meter									
Residential									
None	None	None	3/4" ROM: \$116; 1" ROM: \$142	None	None	None	\$100-\$180; based on meter size	None	
Commercial/Industrial									
None	None	None	3/4" ROM: \$116; 1" ROM: \$142	None	None	None	\$100-\$180; based on meter size	None	

note: cf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
New Service Installation -- Tapping of Water Main								
Residential								
None	None	\$400; Plus \$50 per lot or \$25 per unit	None	None	None	None	\$100-\$200; based on meter size	Materials and Labor; Plus 25 %
Commercial/Industrial								
None	None	\$500 fee	None	None	None	None	\$100-\$200; based on meter size	Materials and Labor; Plus 25 %
Repairs to House Connections								
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Materials and Labor plus 25%
Reset Frozen Meter								
\$15 fee; After 3:30 PM: \$50 per hour	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	\$50 fee

note: cf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Shut Off Water									
	\$25 fee	\$25 fee	\$10 fee	None	None	None	None	\$13 fee	\$25 fee
Turn On Water									
	\$25 fee	None	\$10 fee	None	None	\$40 fee	None	\$13 fee	\$25 fee

note: cf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Fee	Ashland	Frammingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Water Rates									
<i>1 - 1,200 cubic feet</i>									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$1.74 per ccf	\$1.25 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf above 1,000	\$1.50 per ccf	\$15 fee	\$1.38 per ccf	\$0.95 per ccf	
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$1.74 per ccf	\$1.25 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf above 1,000	\$1.50 per ccf	\$70 per ccf above 600 cf	\$1.38 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf	
<i>1,200 - 2,000 cubic feet</i>									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$1.74 per ccf	\$1.25 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$1.50 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf	\$0.95 per ccf	
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$1.74 per ccf	\$1.25 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$1.50 per ccf	\$70 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf	
<i>2,001 - 5,300 cubic feet</i>									
<u>Residential</u>									
\$1.79 per ccf	\$1.25 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$1.50 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf above 2,500 cf	\$0.95 per ccf	
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
\$1.79 per ccf	\$1.25 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$1.50 per ccf	\$80 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf above 2,500 cf	\$2.20 per ccf	

note: cf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
5,301 - 7,000 cubic feet									
Residential									
\$1.79 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$1.50 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$0.95 per ccf	
Commercial/Industrial									
\$1.79 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$1.50 per ccf	\$1 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf	
7,001 - 7,800 cubic feet									
Residential									
\$1.84 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$1.50 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$0.95 per ccf	
Commercial/Industrial									
\$1.84 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$1.50 per ccf	\$1 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf	
7,801 - 10,000 cubic feet									
Residential									
\$1.84 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$2.25 per ccf	\$1.60 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$0.95 per ccf	
Commercial/Industrial									
\$1.84 per ccf	\$1.40 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$2.25 per ccf	\$1 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf	

note: cf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
<i>10,001 - 15,000 cubic feet</i>									
<u>Residential</u>									
	\$1.84 per ccf	\$1.65 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$2.25 per ccf	\$2 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
	\$1.84 per ccf	\$1.65 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$2.25 per ccf	\$1 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf
<i>15,001 - 20,000 cubic feet</i>									
<u>Residential</u>									
	\$1.89 per ccf	\$1.65 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$2.25 per ccf	\$2 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
	\$1.89 per ccf	\$1.65 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$2.25 per ccf	\$1 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf
<i>20,001 or more cubic feet</i>									
<u>Residential</u>									
	\$1.89 per ccf	\$1.65 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$2.25 per ccf	\$2 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>									
	\$1.89 per ccf	\$1.65 per ccf	\$1.75 per ccf	\$1.30 per ccf	\$2.18 per ccf	\$2.25 per ccf	\$1 per ccf	\$1.38 per ccf; Summer rate: \$2.40 per ccf	\$2.20 per ccf

note: cf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Base Charge									
Residential									
\$15 fee		\$8-\$3,688; based on meter size	None	None	\$21.80-\$297.52 for first 1,000 cf; based on meter size	None	\$15 for 1,200 cf	\$3.45 fee; plus \$2-\$25; based on meter size	Minimum charge: \$25
Commercial/Industrial									
\$15 fee		\$8-\$3,688; based on meter size	None	None	\$21.80-\$297.52 for 1,000 cf; based on meter size	None	\$7.50 for first 600 cf	\$3.45 fee; plus \$2-\$120; based on meter size	Minimum charge: \$25

note: cf = cubic feet; ccf = 100 cubic feet; lf = linear feet

Comparison of Wiring Fees

Fee	Ashtand	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Wiring -- New Single Family Residence									
	\$35 - \$45 fee; Based on amps	\$75 - \$100 fee; Based on amps	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$2 per \$100; min. \$50	\$3 per \$100 first \$10,000; then \$1.50 per \$100	\$100 - \$150 fee; Based on amps	\$10 - \$40 fee or Priced by Electrical Dept.
<i>100 amps</i>	\$35 fee	\$75 fee	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$50 fee*	\$30 fee*	\$100 fee	\$20 fee*
<i>200 amps</i>	\$45 fee	\$100 fee	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$50 fee*	\$30 fee*	\$100 fee	\$20 fee*
<i>400 amps</i>	\$45 fee	\$100 fee	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$50 fee*	\$30 fee*	\$150 fee	\$20 fee*
<i>Construction costs \$200 - \$500</i>	\$45 fee**	\$100 fee**	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$50 fee	\$15 fee	\$100 fee **	\$10 fee
<i>Construction costs \$500 - \$1000</i>	\$45 fee**	\$100 fee**	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$50 fee	\$15 - \$30 fee	\$100 fee **	\$20 fee
<i>Construction costs \$1000 - \$1500</i>	\$45 fee**	\$100 fee**	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$50 fee	\$30 - \$45 fee	\$100 fee **	\$30 fee

* Based on \$1,000 construction costs for residential and \$4,000 for commercial.

** Based on 400 amps for residential and 1,000 amps for commercial.

Fee	Ashland	Frammingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
<i>Construction costs \$1500 - \$4000</i>									
\$45 fee**	\$100 fee**	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$50 - \$80 fee	\$45 - \$120 fee	\$100 fee **	\$40 fee	
<i>Construction costs above \$4000</i>									
\$45 fee**	\$100 fee**	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$2 per \$100; min. \$50	\$3 per \$100; min. \$15	\$100 fee **	Priced by the Electrical Department	
<i>Construction costs less than \$10,000</i>									
\$45 fee**	\$100 fee**	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$50 - \$200 fee	\$3 per \$100; min. \$15	\$100 fee **	\$10 - \$40 fee or Priced by Electrical Dept.	
<i>Construction costs more than \$10,000</i>									
\$45 fee**	\$100 fee**	\$35 fee	\$100 fee	\$60 fee	\$2 per \$100; min. \$50	\$300 plus \$1.50 per \$100 above \$10000	\$100 fee **	Priced by the Electrical Department	

* Based on \$1,000 construction costs for residential and \$4,000 for commercial.

** Based on 400 amps for residential and 1,000 amps for commercial.

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Wiring -- New Commercial Building or Multi-Family Residence									
	\$25 - \$400 fee; Based on amps	\$50 - \$1,000 fee; Based on amps	\$25 plus \$.50 per 100 amps	\$8 per \$1,000; min. \$40	\$50 plus \$2 per \$1000 over \$1000; min. \$50	\$2 per \$100; min. \$25	\$3 per \$100 for first \$10,000; then \$1.50 per \$100	\$200 - \$500 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$10 - \$40 or Priced by Electrical Dept.
60 amps	\$25 fee	\$50 fee	\$25 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$200 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*
100 amps	\$30 fee	\$65 fee	\$25.50 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$200 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*
200 amps	\$40 fee	\$85 fee	\$26 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$200 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*
400 amps	\$80 fee	\$200 fee	\$27 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$250 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*
600 amps	\$120 fee	\$300 fee	\$28 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$300 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*
800 amps	\$160 fee	\$400 fee	\$29 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$350 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*
1000 amps	\$200 fee	\$500 fee	\$30 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$400 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*

* Based on \$1,000 construction costs for residential and \$4,000 for commercial.

** Based on 400 amps for residential and 1,000 amps for commercial.

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
1200 amps									
\$240 fee	\$600 fee	\$31 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$500 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*	
1400 amps									
\$280 fee	\$700 fee	\$32 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$500 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*	
1600 amps									
\$320 fee	\$800 fee	\$33 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$500 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*	
1800 amps									
\$360 fee	\$900 fee	\$34 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$500 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*	
2000 amps									
\$400 fee	\$1000 fee	\$35 fee	\$40 fee*	\$56 fee*	\$80 fee*	\$120 fee*	\$500 plus \$50 per addtl meter	\$40 fee*	
Construction costs \$200 - \$500									
\$200 fee**	\$500 fee**	\$30 fee**	\$40 fee	\$50 fee	\$25 fee	\$15 fee	\$400 plus \$50 per addtl meter**	\$10 fee	
Construction costs \$500 - \$1000									
\$200 fee**	\$500 fee**	\$30 fee**	\$40 fee	\$50 fee	\$25 fee	\$15 - \$30 fee	\$400 plus \$50 per addtl meter**	\$20 fee	
Construction costs \$1000 - \$1500									
\$200 fee**	\$500 fee**	\$30 fee**	\$40 fee	\$51 fee	\$25 - \$30 fee	\$30 - \$45 fee	\$400 plus \$50 per addtl meter**	\$30 fee	
Construction costs \$1500 - \$4000									
\$200 fee**	\$500 fee**	\$30 fee**	\$40 fee	\$51 - \$56 fee	\$30 - \$80 fee	\$45 - \$120 fee	\$400 plus \$50 per addtl meter**	\$40 fee	

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Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Construction costs above \$4000									
\$200 fee**	\$500 fee**	\$30 fee**	\$8 per \$1,000	\$50 plus \$2 per \$1000 above \$1000	\$2 per \$100	\$3 per \$100	\$400 plus \$50 per addtl meter**	Priced by the Electrical Department	
Construction costs less than \$10,000									
\$200 fee**	\$500 fee**	\$30 fee**	\$8 per \$1,000; min \$45	\$50 plus \$2 per \$1000 above \$1000	\$2 per \$100; min. \$25	\$3 per \$100; min. \$15	\$400 plus \$50 per addtl meter**	\$10 - \$40 or Priced by Electrical Dept.	
Construction costs more than \$10,000									
\$200 fee**	\$500 fee**	\$30 fee**	\$8 per \$1,000	\$50 plus \$2 per \$1000 above \$1000	\$2 per \$100	\$300 plus \$1.50 per \$100 above \$10000	\$400 plus \$50 per addtl meter**	Priced by the Electrical Department	
Wiring -- Service Change									
Residential									
\$25 - \$30 fee; Based on amps	\$25 - \$40 fee; Based on amps	None	\$25 fee	\$15 fee	\$2 per \$100; min. \$25	None	\$20 - \$40 per unit; Based on Amps	None	
Commercial/Industrial									
\$25 fee	None	None	\$25 fee	\$15 fee	\$100 fee	None	\$50 - \$300 per unit plus \$50 per addtl meter	None	

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** Based on 400 amps for residential and 1,000 amps for commercial.

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Wiring -- Rewiring and Additions									
Residential									
\$30 fee	\$20 fee	None	\$25 fee	\$20 fee	\$2 per \$100; min. \$25	None	\$20 - \$40 per unit; Based on Amps	None	
Commercial/Industrial									
\$30 fee	\$50 fee	None	\$25 fee	\$20 fee	\$100 fee	None	\$20 - \$40 per unit; Based on Amps	None	
Wiring -- Major Appliance									
\$15 fee	\$10 fee	\$5 for 1-10 outlets	None	\$5 fee	None	None	\$5 fee	None	

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Comparison of Zoning Fees

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
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Signs

None	\$50 fee	None	\$175 fee	None	None	None	\$50 fee	\$150 fee	None
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Site Plan Review

None	None	None	Up to \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$0.35 per \$1,000; Over \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$500 plus \$0.25 per \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000,000; Plus \$75 filing fee; max. \$750	None	None	None	None	\$750 fee	None
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Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Special Permit									
Residential									
\$100 fee	\$125 fee	\$200 fee	Up to \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$0.35 per \$1,000; Over \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$500 plus \$0.25 per \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000,000; Plus \$75 filing fee; max. \$5,000	\$75 fee	New: \$100; Renewal: \$50	\$75 fee	New: \$100; Renewal: \$75	\$50 fee	
Commercial/Industrial									
\$100 fee	\$125 fee	\$200 fee	Up to \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$0.35 per \$1,000; Over \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$500 plus \$0.25 per \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000,000; Plus \$75 filing fee; max. \$5,000	\$75 fee	New: \$100; Renewal: \$50	\$75 fee	New: \$200; Renewal: \$75	\$50 fee	

Fee	Ashland	Framingham	Marlborough	Natick	Southborough	Sudbury	Wayland	Wellesley	Weston
Variance									
Residential									
\$100 fee		\$125 fee	Revenue bearing: \$130; Non- revenue bearing: \$80	Up to \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$0.35 per \$1,000; Over \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$500 plus \$0.25 per \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000,000; Plus \$75 filing fee; max. \$5,000	\$75 fee	New: \$100; Renewal: \$50	\$75 fee	\$100 fee	\$50 fee
Commercial/Industrial									
\$100 fee		\$125 fee	Commercial: \$200; Industrial: \$300	Up to \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$0.35 per \$1,000; Over \$1,000,000 estimated cost: \$500 plus \$0.25 per \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000,000; Plus \$75 filing fee; max. \$5,000	\$75 fee	New: \$100; Renewal: \$50	\$75 fee	\$150 fee	\$50 fee

Intermunicipal Fee Sharing Model

In addition to the fee comparison contained in this fee study, consideration was given to an intermunicipal fee sharing systems. The goal of this effort was to investigate and report on a simple mechanism by which communities can share fees derived from projects which impact more than one municipality. The study identified several examples of intermunicipal fee sharing systems used throughout the country. Among these examples are:

- ☐ an agreement between Clearwater and St. Petersburg, Florida that establishes the delivery of solid waste by the former city to the latter on a temporary basis until the county's resource recovery facility is completed;
- ☐ an air park development cost and tax sharing plan between Auburn and Lewiston, Maine; and
- ☐ an interlocal agreement to share the cost and fee revenues of a fire department.

More information on these projects is available from the Government Services office at MAPC.

Impact Fees

In addition communities can share development mitigation fees derived from projects which impact more than one community despite being located in only one municipality. While impact fees are a relatively new concept, states such as California and Florida have much longer legislative and court case histories developed around the impact fee concept and fee sharing than found in Massachusetts. Some examples follow:

- ☐ In Florida, the state allows local jurisdictions to enter into intermunicipal agreements that include the sharing of impact fees for infrastructure improvements under local jurisdictions
- ☐ In New Jersey, the state allows the creation of transportation districts made up of multiple communities and state agencies to assess transportation needs and to assess impact fees on a regional basis.
- ☐ In Idaho, multiple agencies can enter into an agreement to assess impact fees to fix capital facilities. However, each governmental entity must adopt its own by-law or ordinance, and the by-laws shall state the proportionate share of the fees due to each entity.
- ☐ In Massachusetts, existing statutes allow for inter-municipal agreements for services such as schools, water, sewer, and fire. Pending impact fee legislation builds upon these inter-municipal agreements to allow cities and towns "participating in regional or subregional planning programs" to "jointly assess, and collect development impact fees for regional public facilities necessary to accommodate growth."

A distinction needs to be drawn between impact fees and fees associated with project review procedures. Within project review procedures the following steps usually happen:

- ☐ At the beginning of the site review process an area will be defined representing the "immediate impact area" of the project. The immediate impact area will include all land within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the proposed project. If, (a) the amount of the impact area that lies within the boundaries of the adjoining community surpasses a certain agreed upon threshold, and (b) the density resulting from the proposed project is above the maximum density allowed in the zoning by-law of the adjoining community, a joint review of that project by the planning boards of both communities will be required.
- ☐ The developer must provide a traffic impact study reviewing the impact the proposed development will have on all streets and intersections that are within 1,000 feet of the project and will receive 5 percent or more of the project's traffic.
- ☐ If one or more of the streets or intersections in question are found to be deficient an impact fee is assessed.

(Note this process was drawn from the Framingham Site Plan Review procedures.)

This process differs from true impact fees in that it is development driven, as opposed to facility driven. Fees based upon development driven procedures can lead to an uncoordinated fee system that creates numerous localized projects and pots of money that cannot be combined to implement an appropriately scaled improvement. True impact fees are designed to address the needs of a community or district in a comprehensive fashion that is based upon sound land use planning practices. In an impact fee the following procedures are followed:

- ❑ Needed capital facilities are identified through the development of a capital facilities plan. This plan could look at a community as a whole or focus on a particular facility or district, such as a road improvement district. If the facility that needs to be addressed serves or lies within more than one community, all communities may participate in the facility planning process.
- ❑ The facility plan will identify future growth potential, facility capacity improvements needed for it to serve expected demand, the cost of the improvements and scheduled timing for the improvements.
- ❑ Once the costs are determined an impact fee schedule is developed to assess the anticipated relative use of the facility by future land uses. This schedule is then applied to all development proposals located in the facility improvement district.
- ❑ Impact fee assessment procedures are discussed in detail in ***MAPC's Impact Fee Primer, A Manual for Local Officials***. A sample fee schedule might differentiate fees per square foot for office, retail and similar uses, and fees per unit for homes and apartments.

For both the project review process and the impact fee process, the following rules should be followed to ensure a legally defensible impact fee:

- ❑ Total cost of bringing all streets and intersections up to the capacity required of the new development will be assessed. The impact fee revenue will be divided among the communities based upon the relative costs incurred by each community to complete required improvements.
- ❑ Total impact fee revenue will not exceed the costs assessable to development; i.e. if an improvement is anticipated to create excess capacity or to serve existing capacity shortfalls, impact fees cannot be assessed for these costs.
- ❑ All revenues from impact fees must be earmarked for the improvement of targeted traffic corridors.
- ❑ When impact fees are collected from the developer both communities enter into a contract to construct a set of improvements within a specified time (usually five to ten years). If either community fails to make significant progress toward completing the improvement within the specified time frame, that community must refund its share of the impact fee revenue collected with any interest earned on that revenue.

If the intermunicipal agreement meets the tests that are applied to determine that an impact fee is legitimate, then the intermunicipal fee sharing model will be a legitimate fee. The three important criteria for a legitimate fee are: (1) a charge in exchange for a particular governmental service which benefits the party paying the fee in a manner "not shared by other members of the society," (2) it is paid by choice, in that the party paying the fee has the option of not utilizing the governmental service and thereby avoiding the charge, and (3) the charges are collected not to raise revenues but to compensate the governmental entity providing the services for its expenses. The model also satisfies "rational nexus" requirements by establishing a reasonable relationship between the impact of the development and the exaction required.



